Mexican Plan For Recovery Pins Hopes on Privatization

But Creditors Will Insist On Progress Toward Cutting Trade Deficit

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — After a weekend of wrangling with business and unions, Mexico unveiled a rescue plan on Tuesday to co unveiled a rescue plan on Tuesday to reduce its dependence on foreign money by selling off parts of its infrastructure and relying on domestic austerity to increase

exports.
The package, aimed at restoring confidence after the sudden and drastic devaluation of the Mexican peso last month, was underwritten by an \$18 billion line of credit from U.S., European and Japanese gov-ernments and commercial banks. The loan, meant to fill the financial hole left when foreign investors lost confidence in Mexico's management of its economy, was welcomed by the International Monetary Fund, which said in Washington that additional support might be forthcoming.

It was clear that Mexico's creditors would keep the country on a short leash until it it could achieve its goal of halving its estimated \$28 billion trade deficit and

resuming growth, if possible this year.

In a speech to the nation after government, business, and labor formally signed a new economic pact, President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León appealed for national unity, which he will certainly need to hold down wages and prices. He conceded that the domestic inflation stemming from the peso's recent devaluation would hurt

But to judge by the initial reaction of the market, which wanted more details on the plan, the new president has to do more to regain confidence.

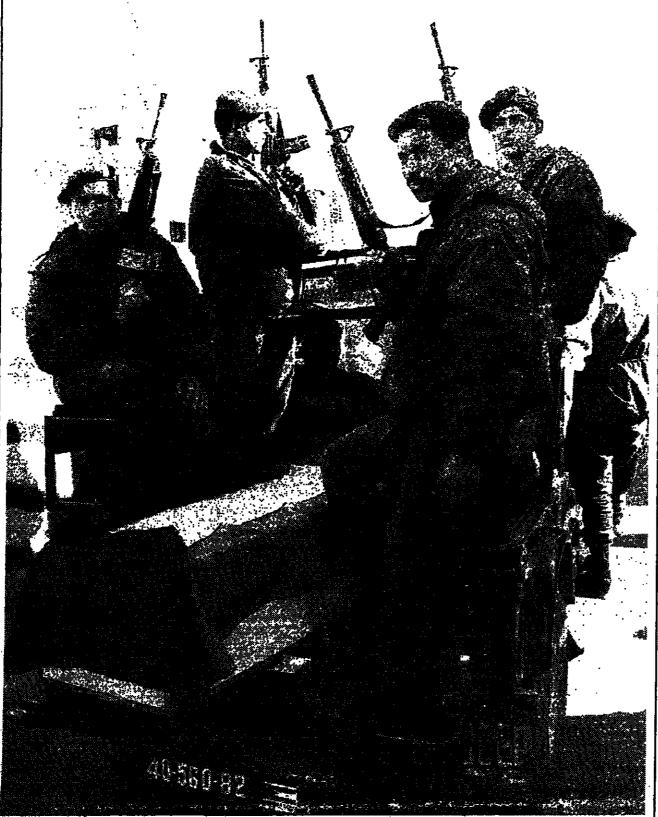
The peso closed more than 6 percent lower against the dollar, which rose to 5.2750 pesos from 4.85 before the New Year's weekend. The Mexican Bolsa fell sharply in volatile trading, with the IPC index of leading shares closing down 75.77 points, or 3.22 percent.

Wall Street, the main source of the capital fueling Mexico's boom until U.S. investors pulled out, also marked down Mexi-

Financial analysts in New York and a first step and would succeed only if Mr. Zedillo's government can hold the unions and business to their promise of wage and price restraint.

In protracted negotiations that several times delayed Mr. Zedillo's speech to the country explaining the plan, the unions agreed to cap wage increases at 7 percent, and business basically agreed not to raise prices beyond passing along the higher costs of imports caused by devaluation, which so far has cut the peso's value by

about one-third. With inflation expected to double this year to 15 percent, unions objected that See MEXICO, Page 2



MOURNING IN GAZA — Police in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, escorting the body of one of three colleagues slain by Israeli forces. The deaths and Israel's stand on settlement fueled distrust as self-rule talks opened. Page 6.

Who Controls Desperation The Kremlin? Mounts for Some Suspect Russians in A Rasputin' Rebel Capital

By Alessandra Stanley

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — For Boris N. Yeltsin, life is not so lonely at the top. Though the increasingly isolated Russian president has rid himself of scores of advisers and confidants over the past few years, he still has at least one trusted adviser and drinking

companion who is always at his side.

It is his chief of presidential security.

General Alexander A. Korzhakov, a former KGB major who has been Mr. Yelisin's bodyguard since 1985.

However cozy, Mr. Korzhakov's relationship with Mr. Yeltsin is singular enough for Russians to be talking about a new Rasputin haunting the inner sanctum of the Kremlin.

After ordering the subduing of Chechnya on Dec. 11, Mr. Yeltsin disappeared from view and was said to be recovering from minor nose surgery. The president's mysterious seclusion only heightened spec-ulation that his right-hand man was running the show.

In a divided and fractious Kremlin, the 44-year-old security chief has unrivaled access to Mr. Yeltsin.

"Korzhakov is more powerful than the prime minister," said Pavel Voshchanov, a former Yeltsin press secretary who said he quit his job two years ago partly because of Mr. Korzhakov's improper interference in the office of public affairs.

A recent episode suggested that Mr. Korzhakov occasionally feels free to lecture Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin on economic issues. Last month, he wrote a letter to Mr. Chernomyrdin describing the government's pledge to the World Bank to end Russia's oil quota

comply with World Bank conditions.

Mr. Korzhakov's was not the only voice in Moscow seeking to protect the interests of Russian oilmen, but his intervention carried clout - and controversy. Afterwards, the newspaper Izvestia covered the story with the headline, "Who Is Running

Mr. Voshchanov painted the president's relationship with his bodyguard as a co-See YELTSIN, Page 6

Generals in Moscow Send Reinforcements Amid Fears of a Coup

By Michael Specter
New York Times Service
GROZNY, Russia — Desperate Russian troops caught inside the Chechen capital blasted away with tanks Tuesday at any available target, hitting both the Presidential Palace and the Parliament building

The Russian military leadership apeared to be increasingly desperate as they have failed to defeat an outnumbered, out-

gunned and poverty-stricken opponent.

Military officials in Moscow said they had dispatched reinforcements to the embattled city amid signs that the political

costs of the war were mounting rapidly.
Former Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar, once President Boris N. Yeltsin's closest ally, said, "There is a great danger of a military coup."
Russian democracy, he added, has not been shakier since the breakup of the Soviet Union

Russian fighter jets hurled rockets at the city with mind-shattering regularity throughout the day.

The bodies of scores of dead Russian oldiers lay in stacks along the broad, treelined boulevards. Dogs roamed among them on the streets. Old women locked out of darkened basements wailed in terror.

Although many people have ceased to think it was possible, the fighting for the separatist capital keeps getting worse. World Bank to end Russia's oil quota system as "absolutely impermissible."

Mr. Korzhakov said he felt such accords would give foreign oil interests too much influence over Russian raw materials. The Russian government then decided not to comply with World Bank conditions.

have in mind.

Access to the city is rapidly starting to close. For the first time, Russian attack planes strafed and bombed the main highway Tuesday leading away from the capital, setting ablaze dozens of cars filled mostly with refugees and sending other travelers district the refugees and sending other travelers district the refugees. travelers diving into mud-filled ditches.

The three main open-air markets - in the surrounding towns of Argun, Shali and Chechen Aul — were devastated by bombs in the past two days. Civilian deaths and injuries were heavy.

It was a sunny day, but Grozny was wrapped in a thick black cloud that could be seen easily from afar — the residue of fires from a bombed oil refinery, gas pipelines, and thousands of rounds of artillery and tank shells.

Fighting continued in the center of the city, which is controlled by Chechen soldiers, and at the railroad station to the west. To the east, Russian reserve forces and paratroopers were moving around the city of Argun in an attempt to reinforce units that have already been sent to Groz-

Along the highway to the south, rebel fighters stood behind thin, young trees at the side of the road with grenade launchers and automatic rifles waiting for the Rus-

"The planes come all night long now," said Khasan Rasayev, wearing the green ribbon of an Islam suicide fighter around his woolen cap. "There is nowhere to hide. They bomb in the center, in the suburbs and the villages. They are trying to kill everything on this land. But this will go on to the very end."

There are no more trappings of normal life in Grozny. Ask a man walking toward the Presidential Palace carrying a grenade launcher on his back what he is doing and he replies: "I am going to work."

The trucks of volunteers continued to pour into the city Tuesday. Chechen commanders promptly displayed the captured letters, identification papers and other documents of Russian soldiers.

The city is increasingly dangerous. There are no real battle lines that have meaning. A block held by the Russians today is a Chechen meeting place tomorrow. Chechen soldiers danced in joy three blocks from the train station where hundreds of their compatrious were engaged in a bitter firefight.

So far, the Russian tactics have failed spectacularly in almost every respect. The See RUSSIA, Page 6

Republican 'Revolution' to Start With New House Rules

By Katharine Q. Seelye

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — When the opening bell sounds Wednesday to usher in the 104th Congress, the Republicans, as the new majority, will begin their self-described revolution, putting on trial their fundamental belief that they can cure the nation's ills with less government, not

For the new speaker of the House, Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, and his Republican comrades, the first order of business will be to pass new

House rules demonstrating that they are more open, responsive and businesslike than the old-order Demo- in four decades. Its new leader, Mr. Gingrich, is one of crats they have supplanted.

From there, they intend to reclaim for Congress the powers it has ceded to the White House since the New

The people are ready. Page 3. ● Firms will watch. Page 9. Deal, introducing one of the most ambitious legislative

On Day One, at least, all eyes will be on the House,

in four decades. Its new leader, Mr. Gingrich, is one of the most powerful but least-tested figures to take charge on Capitol Hill.

While the more deliberative Senate will spend the opening day on ceremony, Mr. Gingrich has scheduled a marathon session — noon to midnight — for the House to vote on changes in its rules. That will launch the House's 100-day march toward action on the "Contract

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A World-Class Challenge Upgrading UN's Creaking Bureaucracy

By Julia Preston ungton Post Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York -When he took office nearly three years ago. Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali promised comprehensive reform. But today, although there has been some progress, the United Nations remains a slowmotion bureaucracy struggling to adapt to a real-time world.

UN employees get raises and promo-tions regardless of the work they actually do. Two separate UN agencies run virtually identical programs on behalf of women, but politics has blocked officials from ending the costly duplication.

A new, million-dollar security system at UN headquarters in New York did not work and had to be scrapped, and administrators cannot even say with certainty who approved the project.

Throughout the vast UN system there are people working for change. But, with the organization about to mark its 50th anniversary this year, reform also has many enemies: entrenched officials who refuse to break old habits, and governments that applaud streamlining but battle behind the scenes to protect their favored

U.S. ambassador to the UN organizations in Geneva, "and so badly organized."

Critics of the United Nations will gain new clout in Washington as the Republicans take majority control in the new Congress. Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, the new chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has called it "the nemesis of millions of Americans" and complained that it is "costing Ameri-

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Kiosk **Dick Cheney Quits** Republican Field WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Dick Cheney, a former U.S. defense secretary, said Tuesday he had decided not to seek the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, bowing out in advance from what may become a crowded field. "After careful consideration, I have decided not to become a candidate for the presidency in 1996," Mr. Cheney, a conservative with considerable Washington experience, said in a statement. His early departure narrowed a Republican field expected to start taking shape next month when Senator Phil

SUSPECT CHARGED — John C. Salvi 3d, accused of firing on abortion clinics and killing two people, in court Tuesday in Norfolk, Virginia. Page 3.

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"The United Nations — it's so indis-pensable," said Morris B. Abram, a former

Reform? In Japan, It Is as Rough as Silk

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Gramm of Texas is scheduled to become

the first major Republican to announce

that he is seeking the nomination.

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - To measure how much Japan has really changed in the last two tumultuous years, it is instructive to look not at the upheaval in Parliament, the big stores cutting their notoriously high prices or the devastated stock market, but at the Japan Raw Silk and Sugar Price Stabilization Agency.

This now-obscure agency, which protects the country's few remaining silk producers with expensive price supports, was once a symbol of Japan's struggle to build

a modern economy.

But in an age when Japan is a sophisticated manufacturer of everything from autos to computer chips, the agency has be-come a symbol of a bloated government. It was thus chosen for elimination in a campaign to break the bureaucracy's hold on the economy.

reforming or closing 92 such governmentowned corporations, which dominate. among other industries, banking, tobacco and telecommunications, all of them, even the silk agency, survived.

And it appears doubtful that the deeply divided politicians will do anything about

Japan is in its greatest period of ferment something that has driven the Japanese to disappointed apathy, and has frustrated the United States to the point that it has all but abandoned its goal of trying to fundamentally alter Japan's trading and investment climate.

Despite widespread talk of reform, the last two years have proven the Japanese system far more resilient than many experts predicted a few years ago, when a

Yet when proposals were submitted for whirlwind of economic, political and social change began to gain force.

Long-suffering consumers accustomed to the world's highest prices in a closely protected economy have started to snap up cheap imported goods. The major political parties that for years created a parliamentary logiam have broken up or are on the verge of dissolving, and electoral law has been revised to attack political corruption.

It is virtually impossible to be a serious in four decades. But the episode illustrates politician today and not insist that the nation's major institutions need reform. Still, the fundamental mechanisms of power remain rooted in the old methods of bureaucratic control.

Despite the party realignment, there is little serious policy debate among officials. And with the Social Democratic Party having abandoned almost its entire platform to gain a share in a coalition government,

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Atlantic Swim: It's All Wet

PARIS — A Frenchman swimming across the Atlantic said Tuesday that he was getting fed up after more than two weeks in the water and was finding it hard to sleep.

"There's a certain disappointment, even suffering," Guy Delage, 42, said in a radio interview from the Atlantic.

He is about 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) into his trip from the Cape Verde Islands, off Africa, to Martinique in the

"My dream has lasted eight years and now it's gradually being replaced by a reality which isn't exactly what I had dreamed of," he told French radio.

Mr. Delage has spent 18 days at sea swim and has about 2,800 kilometers to tance by drifting.

go, braving sharks, storms and loneli-

He spends about 10 hours a day in the water and the rest drifting westward on ocean currents on a small windpowered raft. The raft, which has a satellite tracking device, follows him as he swims.

"I find it very difficult to sleep at night," he said. "The raft is so uncomfortable that it's a sort of relief to get into the water.

Last week, the French swimmer Stefan Caron, who won a bronze medal in freestyle swimming at the 1992 Olympics, criticized Mr. Delage by saying he was merely "bathing." Mr. Caron said in his bid for the first trans-Atlantic Mr. Delage covered most of the dis-

EU Parliament Prepares to Scrutinize Nominees to Executive

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - A United States of Europe may be a distant dream, but the institutions of what passes for a European government are gearing up for a transition just as surely as Republicans in the United States are planning to impose their will on Capitol

to Jacques Delors as president of the European Commission, will lead his 19 fellow commission nominees before the European Parliament this month for the European Union's first-ever congressional-style confirmation hear-

The process, which opens with com-

Brussels and concludes with a vote by the full Parliament on Jan. 18 in Stras-on Dec. 16, Mr. Santer acceded to bourg, France, represents the most demands that each commissioner have crucial test yet of Mr. Santer's ability a personal spokesman, if desired, a to establish his authority over a team departure from past practice that some of political heavyweights that includes insiders fear will encourage grand-a former French prime minister, a for-standing by and infighting among mer British opposition leader and commissioners. eight returning commissioners.

"He'll have to instill collegiality into Prime Minister Jacques Santer of a bunch of politicians who are used to Luxembourg, the designated successor doing things on their own," a commisdoing things on their own," a commission official said.

Early signs are mixed. Mr. Santer impressed some skeptics in October when he rebuffed an attempt by Sir Leon Brittan, probably the most influential returning commissioner, to amass the agency's biggest portfolio. Sir Leon was stripped of responsibility mittee hearings starting Wednesday in for policy toward Eastern Europe.

> nor rebel Serbs from Croatia have agreed to the cease-fire.

> Both aided the Bosnian Serbian assault on the Bihac pocket.

> ernment calls for withdrawal of "foreign forces" from the Bihac

> The accord between Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led gov-

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Gen-

eral Michael Rose, commander

of UN forces in Bosnia and a

leading peace broker, went to

Gornji Vakuf in central Bosnia

He was attending the first

to cement the cease-fire there.

meeting of a regional commission of government and Serbian

commanders that will discuss

troop withdrawal and deploy-

UN officials are trying to cre-

The truce signed Saturday

ment of UN observer forces.

billion European currency units (\$86 billion), and give the money to Eastern Europe to speed its integration into the That argument is "so simplistic and so explosive," the commission official

Already, some officials have ex-

pressed alarm about reported com-

ments by Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish

nominee for environmental policy, who suggested the Union should scrap

its farm subsidies, which account for

from the lip instead of speaking with a new team meets the politically correct coherent voice.

The hearings also represent a major coming of age for the Parliament, which has done little in the past to shed its reputation for being an expensive and unnecessary talking shop.

This will be the first time Parliament will use powers obtained through the 1992 Maastricht treaty to pass judgment on an incoming commission.

But for all the symbolism involved, there is little doubt about the outcome. Barring some unforeseen develop-ment, Mr. Santer and his team will win half of the EU budget of some 70 approval, commission officials and members of Parliament agree.

That is because Parliament gets to

said. He added that "we can very easily vote only on the entire commission, self-destruct" if commissioners shoot not on individual nominees. And the criteria laid down by Parliament itself.

its members reflect the dominance

Klaus Hänsch, the German Social Democrat who has instilled a no-frills, down-to-business atmosphere since becoming president of Parliament in July, said in a recent interview that the chamber was ready to use its new powers sensibly.

He said the hearings should focus on the nominees' experience, general views on European policy and willingness to cooperate with Parliament.

WORLD BRIEFS

North Continues Effort to Boost Kim

TOKYO (Reuters) - North Korea on Tuesday released television footage of Kim Jong II, apparently continuing a campaign to convince the world that neither Mr. Kim's health nor his position

in government is in danger. of left-leaning Social Democratic parties in Parliament since last June's elections, and the five female nominees are a record for women.

In government is in thanget.

The Korean Central Television film seen on Japanese Tv showed Mr. Kim visiting an army unit New Year's Day, and enjoying applause from the soldiers. The footage was released a day after the North published a still photograph of Mr. Kim's

New Year's appearance. New Year's appearance.

Mr. Kim is the son of and heir-apparent to Kim II Sung, founder and paramount leader of North Korea until his death in July. The younger Mr. Kim has yet to be named president or leader of the ruling party. He further failed to make the customary New Year's address on Sunday, giving rise to theories he was either too sick to handle the two posts, or that a political struggle, perhaps within the ranks of North Korea's powerful military, had blocked a smooth accession to power.

Signs of Berlusconi Compromise?

ROME (AP) — Silvio Berlusconi and his political allies Tuesday kept up their demand that the media magnate return as prime minister but showed signs of compromise.

Mr. Berlusconi, after resigning Dec. 22, remains as caretaker while President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro carries on a second round of talks to form a Italy's 54th postwar government.

Mr. Berluscom, members of his Forza Italia movement and its supporters discussed strategy Tuesday and agreed that Mr. Berlusconi was the only "politically legitimate" leader for a new government. But their statement, read to reporters, said a Berlusconi ally would be suitable for the job, though only to guide the country toward fast elections.

Reported AIDS Cases Top 1 Million

GENEVA (AP) — The official number of full-blown AIDS cases worldwide has topped the 1 million mark for the first time, although the true figure is more than four times as high, the World

Health Organization said Tuesday.

The UN health agency said that, by the end of December, governments had reported 1,025,073 cases of the disease to its Geneva headquarters since the start of record-keeping in 1980. The figures include people who have died, but not those who are infected with the HIV virus, which develops into the lethal disease

But the WHO said chronic underreporting and underdiagnosis in developing countries meant that the real number of AIDS cases likely totaled more than 4.5 million. It said more than 70 percent of these estimated cases were in Africa. About 9 percent were in the United States, 9 percent in the rest of the Western hemisphere, 6 percent in Asia and 4 percent in Europe.

Israel Tries to Clear Up Jet Dispute

TEL AVIV (AF) - A senior official said Tuesday that Israel was providing China with aviation know-how and would try to clear up questions about reports that U.S. technology was used in

developing a Chinese fighter jet.

David Ivri, director-general of Israel's Defense Ministry, confirmed that Israel sold China "some technology on aircraft" but the defense contracts were "very small in magnitude."

Mr. Ivri, a former air force commander, responded to published reports that U.S. officials had determined that Israel and China collaborated on a Chinese fighter called the F-10. According to The Los Angeles Times, the plane will be based on the Lavi, a joint Israel-U.S. project abandoned in 1987, incorporating many of its technological innovations. Mr. Ivri said the original Lavi technology was now outdated and suggested that any spinoffs were Israeli

For the Record

A candle burning near a Christmas tree caused the fire in an Antwerp hotel in which six people died on New Year's Eve, according to the Antwerp public prosecutor, Werner van Walle. He said the start of the fire had been recorded by one of the hotel's security cameras.

The extremist Islamic Group has claimed responsibility for attacks on trucks and buses that left eight police officers and three civilians dead in southern Egypt. The group said the shootings were in retaliation for slayings of its members by the police. (AP)

The trial of the Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasrin, who is accused of blaspheming Islam, will be delayed for 12 days after her lawyers said a petition was pending in the Dhaka High Court,

TRAVEL UPDATE

PARIS — Algerian Muslim fundamentalist groups said Tuesday they would not take their war against the Algiers government to French soil but differed sharply on whether they should hit French interests at all. on transportation between France and ments reflected deep differences in airport. A senior activist of the banned Islamic militant groups. The Islamic ments reflected deep differences in airport. Responsibility for the hijacking and an Islamic militant groups. The Islamic the subsequent revenge murders of its Salvation Army has been fighting four priests — three of them French the Algiers government since the can-and one a Belsian — has been distinct.

should hit French interests at all.

As the dispute over tactics by fundamentalists simmered, French government officials said that flights by French companies between France and Algeria would remain suspended for several weeks, possibly months, against Paris because of its financial following the hijacking of an Air suspended and military support to the Algeria most violent Muslim rebel damentalists were poised to win.

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Reform Is Rough

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a bill to be passed soon.

have quietly resumed them.

creasingly impressed by is the

obduracy to real change here," said Walter F. Mondale, the

U.S. ambassador to Japan, who arrived a year ago brimming

with optimism over what could

"I'm going to recommend

that they have a metabolism

test for the next ambassador,"

he added. "My advice would be,

if you don't have a low metabo-

lism rate, you shouldn't come

seems like there have been great

changes," said Kumiko Ogata, a middle-class homemaker who

lives with her husband and two

children in a suburb an hour

and a half north of Tokyo.

became very energetic and the

mood was burning with

change."
"We were so optimistic," she

added. "But if you ask if there

has been any influence on our

lives, the answer is, I can't see

But she also made it clear

why such disappointment has

not boiled over. Even with a

deep recession, her family re-

cently moved up to a 70-square-

meter apartment from their old

Mrs. Ogata added that the

imported colas, orange juice,

beef and clothing that crowd

the shelves of the discount

stores have reduced her ex-

50-square-meter home

penses considerably.

Last year, the political climate

"If you look at the surface, it

be accomplished.

And, in one of the most dis- tions.

there are no longer deep policy

differences among the major

JAPAN:

negotiators.

COLOMBO - The newly laration of a cessation of hostil-

ka and the Tamil Tiger rebels maratunga's approval and a

fire plan that included \$800 tiny slips of white paper that

The suspension will continue while the Islamic Salvation Army, the armed French officials investigate extra secu- wing of the Islamic Salvation Front, killed the four hijackers on Dec. 26 take to spread the conflict to other

A NEW REVIEW — President François Mitterrand of France passing by Republican Guards outside the Elysée Palace in Paris on Tuesday, at the start of his last year in office. Presidential elections are to be held this spring.

U.K. Receives Threat From Islamic Group Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Muslim fundamentalists, purportedly the group that hijacked an Air France jet, have threatened to kill British citizens "in cold blood" unless Britain closes its embassy in Algeria by Saturday, the Foreign Office said Tuesday.

The warning was contained in a letter written in German and posted in France, the Foreign Office said. The letter, signed by the Armed Islamic Group, was received at the British Embassy in Bern.

A German report said that Bonn Germans in Algeria. (AP. Reuters)

Panel to Recommend Ferry Changes LONDON (AP) - The Royal Academy of Engineering will recommend that seagoing ferries be modified so that they can remain upright for half an hour if water washes aboard, a

spokesman said Tuesday. The academy set up a committee on ferry safety after the sinking of the ferry Estonia on Sept. 28, in which more than 900 people died in the Baltic Sea. A storm tore off the ferry's front

The 30-minute stability recommendation is one of the key points of the report," said Tim Walker, a spokesman for the

engineering academy, who added that there would be "different solutions for different ships."

Foreign Tourism Rose 3% in 1994

MADRID (Reuters) — About 528 million people worldwide took holidays abroad in 1994, 3 percent more than the previous year, the Madrid-based World Tourism Organization said Tues-

Foreign tourists spent \$321 billion, 5 percent more than the previous year, the group estimated. Germans traveled the most, making more than 65 million trips abroad, followed by North Americans with 47 million trips.

One thousand cars trying to return from ski resorts in the Pyránées region of southwestern France were trapped for several hours Monday night near Mont-Louis when a thick layer of ice suddenly formed on the road, the police said Tuesday. (AFP)

Big Bosnia Battles Put Truce in Peril

ZAGREB, Croatia — Heavy fighting broke out Tuesday in northwestern Bosnia, threatening a truce signed by most of the

warring parties. United Nations officials in Croatia and Bosnia reported heavy shelling near Velika Kladusa, a town on the northern edge of the Bihac pocket near the border with Croatia.

Major Herve Gourmelon, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said 170 mortar and artillery shells fell east and southeast of Velika Kladusa between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. He reported "a very large number of small arms and

machine-gun fire." The United Nations would not say who started the fighting. the most severe since Bosnia's ate a momentum for peace so planned four-month truce began during the weekend. But continuing the war, which be-Major Gourmelon said that gan in April 1992. forces loyal to Fikret Abdic, a rebel Muslim leader, were "in-calls for separation of troops, volved in this affair." Velika free movement of UN aid and Kladusa is Mr. Abdic's strong-hold. personnel and the opening of access roads north and south of

Neither Mr. Abdic's fighters Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

Algeria Militants Split Over Dealing With France

Dec. 24 hijacking and said his organi- the Algiers government since the can- and one a Belgian — has been claimed zation had no interest in declaring war cellation of 1992 elections that the fun- by Algeria's most violent Muslim rebel

following the hijacking of an Air and military support to the Algerian in their most spectacular attack on den by Islam and said the conflict government. However, it denied that foreign interests.

an interview.

wathan, who is chief of the gov-

ment officials said that even if

the cease-fire is implemented, it

will not ensure an end to the

war because it does not address

the most contentious issue of

the conflict: the minority Tam-

ils' demand for political auton-

omy in northern and eastern Sri

rity measures that could be introduced had threatened to take its war onto when they stormed the Airbus 300 as it territories," he said. (Reuters, AFP)

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gotiator Rajan Asirwathan in sue is the issue of political au-

Sri Lanka Leaders and Rebels Reach a Cease-Fire ities, according to government building where the talks were who is a close adviser to Mrs.

He described the \$800 mil-"The response today was lion reconstruction program as very positive," said Mr. Asir-"carrots" being "dangled as incentives" to encourage the reernment bank and a member of the five-person negotiating

bels to enter negotiations. The agreement calls for a voluntary two-week cessation of But negotiators and govern-hostilities, which would set the stage for a formal cease-fire with strict boundaries and codes of conduct for military forces on both sides. The rebels have been unpredictable in the past, however, and have broken

short-term cease-fires. Mr. Balapatabendi told The Associated Press that rebel "It is still a very slow pro- leaders were expected to re-

17 million people, and the majority are Sinhalese Buddhists. Ethnic Tamils, most of whom are Hindus, make up about 18 percent of the population and have long complained of discrimination at the hands of the Sinhalese. Although Mrs. Kumaratunga

Sri Lanka is a nation of about

was swept into office two months ago partly as a result of a campaign pledge to try to ne-gotiate an end to the civil war. peace talks ended abruptly when the opposition party leader, Gamini Dissanayake, was assassinated by a suicide bomber two weeks before the elec-

It is widely believed that the rebels were responsible for the attack, which also killed 52 oth-

Lesson in Reality for the New President

By Tod Robberson

Zedillo Ponce de León, under intense pressure to avert a severe economic crisis, has received an embarrassing lesson in Mexico's new political reality after

ed early Tuesday, aimed at reaching a private-sector wage and price accord, forced Mr. Zedillo to delay announcing his long-awaited "emergency economic plan," which the government hopes will stabilize Mexico's battered currency and a Mexico City economist.

"I'm appalled that Zedillo did not

lion international economic rescue package that had been timed to coincide with Mr. Zedillo's speech. had emerged with an unflattering image, in the presidency as candidate of the

barely a month after taking office, of having the terms of his nation's economstruggles to manage an emergency largely inherited from his predecessor, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

The plan consists largely of federal austerity measures, wage and price controls the sale of key state enterprises. show of opposition, mainly from the pow erful Mexican labor unions, blocked Mr.

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Zedillo from conveying the take-charge image foreign investors are looking for. "What we're seeing here is a lot of improvisation, a president reacting to events rather than taking control of the situation," said Rogelio Ramírez de la O.

handle the negotiations long beforehand. but this is exactly how he has handled the problem from the beginning," he said. It gives the impression the government has lost the initiative." Mr. Salinas hand-picked Mr. Zedillo,

Economic analysts said Mr. Zedillo a Yale-trained economist, to succeed him ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party after Mr. Salinas's original choice, Luis ic salvation dictated to him while he Donaldo Colosio, was assassinated while

> rebellion in southern Mexico and the assassination last September of José

Party, have combined to weaken international investor confidence while creating an image of Mexico as unstable. Mr. Salinas also saddled Mr. Zedillo

with a current-account deficit of \$28 billion, an overvalued peso being weakened daily by massive hard-currency withdrawals, and central bank foreign currency reserves of less than \$7 billion - down from \$27 billion a year ago.

Officials said that, given this scenario, Mr. Zedillo had no choice but to devalue the peso, which he did on Dec. 20 after only three weeks in office. Since then, the peso has lost more than 30 percent of its purchasing power against the dollar.

"This president, judging from the comments I hear everywhere, is starting off with some very big handicaps." said Daniel Goldstein, a senior analyst with the Banca Serfin banking group. "You can't come up with a new national eco-

nomic plan in just a day or two." In recent days, Mr. Zedillo has confronted the difficult task of persuading labor unions to accept wage increases that government officials openly acknowledge will not keep up with expected inflation rates.

On Monday, however, labor leaders made clear they would sacrifice no long-

war-ravaged, rebel-controlled gotiators sitting at the bargainnorthern peninsula of the island cess," said Neelan Tiruchelvan, spond formally to the proposal ing table and senior rebel leadin return for an end to hostil- ers believed to be hiding in the a Tamii member of Parliament within a week

were passed between rebel ne-

All that remains for the dec-

ities is President Chandrika Ku-

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gers," Kusumsiri Balapata-

returning from a daylong meet-

The final details of the plan,

heart of the war zone.

Continued from Page 1 workers had yet to see real wage

By Molly Moore

elected government of Sri Lan-

ised a freedom of information that could lead to the end of an bendi, the government's chief

law to open the most secretive 11-year civil war that has negotiator, told reporters after

world, but nobody expects such spawned a legacy of death ing with rebels in Jaffna, the

squads and political assassina-

appointing symbols of business In what some observers expected to be announced by as usual, the big corporations called the most significant step Mrs. Kumaratunga in an ad-

that had voluntarily halted cash toward peace in the last eight dress to Parliament and the na-

donations to politicians after a years, the government offered tion on Friday, were hammered

series of corruption scandals the separatist Tamils a cease-out using secret messages on

The reformers who swept agreed Tuesday to a prelimi-

into office in 1993 had prom- nary cease-fire arrangement

government in the industrial claimed up to 30,000 lives and

The one thing I've been inmillion in economic aid for the

gains from Mexico's six years of moves to liberalize its economy, and business feared the price limits would squeeze profits and curtail investment.

For its part, the government said it would cut spending 1.3 percent and turn its budget from a deficit to a surplus of 0.5 percent this year, in part by privatizing some ports, airports and railroads, auctioning off parts of the radio spectrum, and allowing private ownership of communications satellites. Teléfonos de México, the state telephone monopoly, will be opened to competition earlier

than was planned. As a result, growth was forecast to fall from 4 percent last year to 1.5 percent or 2 percent in 1995, with most of that coming in the second half. The peso will continue to float, and the

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MEXICO: Recovery Plan Pins Hopes on Privatization central bank will run a tight emerging for several days, and monetary policy, the govern-

In the regularly scheduled it. auction of Tesobonos on Tuesday, or government bonds guar- now," said Sarah Lavers of La-

bills comes due before March, ing more at the current low levand one of the main reasons for els or swallowing their losses the international credit line is to and walking away. reassure investors that the money will be there to roll the bills mend buying, on the expecta-over when they come due. mend buying, on the expecta-tion that Mr. Zedillo's package Thereafter, the plan calls for would work and that growth offering foreign investors long- would resume in Mexico next

er-term dollar bonds. The \$18 billion line of credit consists of an increase in a permanent U.S. swap line from \$6 billion to \$9 billion, an increase fact the foreign credit lines had in Canada's credit line from 1 to be rolled over every six billion to 1.5 billion Canadian months meant that "the interdollars (\$713 million to \$1.07 billion), \$5 billion from the Bank for International Settlements contributed by central banks in Europe and Japan, and \$3 billion from commercial banks including Citicorp and

J. P. Morgan & Co. Foreign analysts were not surprised by the package, the unions to continue to take the outlines of which have been pain."

way the government manages

"It's a confidence question anteed in dollars, interest rates tinvest in London, which adjumped about two percentage vised its clients to in effect play points, to 12.49 percent. double or nothing with their About \$20 billion of these Mexican stocks by either buy-

> She said she would recom-Joyce Chang of Salomon Brothers in New York said the

> package "adds up." She said the tor Mexico." "This is just the first stage," said Geoffrey Dennis of Bear. Stearns & Co. "The government

let things run out of control in

December and can't seem to get it back vet. The key point is whether they can get the trade Mr. Zedillo finally announced his plan

eral of the Institutional Revolutionary Washington Post Service MEXICO CITY — President Ernesto and efforts to generate income through But analysts said the embarrassing

opposition from business and labor leaders forced him repeatedly to postpone a major speech to the nation.

A 14-hour negotiating session that end-

The delays also caused the United States to hold off announcing its own confidence-building measure, an \$18 bil-

Tuesday afternoon after a 20-hour delay. Francisco Ruiz Massieu, secretary-gen-

campaigning last spring.

The killing of Mr. Colosio, a peasant

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Across Nation and Political Spectrum, Americans Get Set for the Republicans

The Basic Points of an Ambitious 'Contract With America'

The Associated Press

The "Contract With America," signed by more than 300 Republican candidates for the House before the canaluates for the 110use before the midterm congressional elections in November, includes a list of eight reforms they pledged to approve on the first day of the new legislative session, as well as a 10-point plan they have vowed to pass within 100 days. The following are excepts from the contract: cerpts from the contract:

REFORMS • Require all laws that apply to the rest of the country to apply equally to

the Congress. • Select a major, independent auditing firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of Congress for waste, fraud

• Cut the number of House com-

Vashungton Post Service WASHINGTON - The new Republican majority

may be planning to hit the ground running when the new Congress convenes at noon Wednesday, but if

members are not careful, they could spend most of the

The Republican Party, its "Contract With America"

flying at full staff, intends to charge into battle with legislation and hearings from Day One. This would be

messy under any circumstances, but with the House going Republican for the first time in 40 years, and the

first week crashing into each other.

mittees, and cut committee staff by

 Limit the terms of all committee Ban the casting of proxy votes in

Require committee meetings to

be open to the public. • Require a three-fifths' majority

vote to pass a tax increase. Guarantee an honest accounting of our federal budget by implement-ing zero baseline budgeting.

10-POINT PLAN A balanced budget tax limitation

amendment and a legislative line-item veto to restore fiscal responsibility.

Staffing Upheavals Fuel a Huge Logistical Uproar

staffing down, causing one Democratic leadership source to remark sourly that the Republican Party's

promise to cut 30 percent of House staff "is easy to make when our side's doing the cutting."

Still, without budgets, few committees knew how

many people they eventually will be able to afford, and

hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Democrats were still

walking the halls waiting to see if the ax would fall on

dean of the House and the biggest of the Democrat's

"old bulls," registered his objections to all this in a

Representative John D. Dingell of Michigan, the

 An anti-crime package including stronger truth-in-sentencing, effective death penalty provisions and cuts in social spending from last summer's "crime" bill to fund prison construction and additional law enforcement.

 Discourage illegitimacy and teen pregnancy by prohibiting welfare to minor mothers and denying increased AFDC (Aid to Families With Dependent Children] for additional children while on welfare, cut spending for welfare programs and enact a tough

work requirements. Child support enforcement, tax incentives for adoption, strengthening rights of parents in their children's education, stronger child pornography laws and an elderly-dependentcare tax credit.

two-years-and-out provision with

• A \$500-per-child tax credit, begin repeal of the marriage tax penalty and

creation of American Dream Savings Accounts to provide middle-class tax

• No U.S. troops under UN command and restoration of the essential parts of our national security funding

to strengthen our national defense. Raise the Social Security earnings limit, which currently forces seniors out of the work force; repeal the 1993 tax hikes on Social Security benefits, and provide tax incentives for private long-term care insurance.

 Small business incentives, including capital gains cut and regulatory

• Reasonable limits on punitive damages and reform of product liability laws to stem the endless tide of

the whip" to keep things moving, according to his

According to several other sources, however, Mr.

Stevens is largely being ignored. Senators will not be

hurried — something the House's eager beavers are likely to find out when "the other body" starts

By the end of last week, majority and minority had

exchanged offices in most committees, if not all. In the

Capitol, Republican and Democrat leadership staffs

were filing, packing and moving up and down stair-wells and passageways in a mad dash to get in place by the time the session opened.

thoughtfully chewing their legislation to bits.

Change in 'Mentality' Is Demanded

By Dirk Johnson ex York Times Service

DENVER - Not long ago. Bruce Chaffin was a throw-thebums-out conservative. But he's not cynical about politics any-

"It's going to be wonderful," said the 36-year-old Denver sales executive, almost giddy about the Republicans' taking control of Congress this week. "You bet there's going to be some changes, and I can't

But Nicole Avrain wore a pained expression and confessed to a new fondness for term limits. "As a liberal, I'm nervous," said the 24-year-old college student. "Real ner-

Whether they see the govern-ment becoming leaner, or just plain meaner, American voters of all stripes agree: The road ahead will veer to the right.

"Bill Clinton looks like a wet nether reaches of the Hart or Dirksen Senate Office noodle," said Deshawn Jones, a I-year-old actor in Denver, Eventually they will be assigned offices, and the and Newt Gingrich is going to incoming chairman of the Rules and Administration swallow him." Committee, Ted Stevens of Alaska, is "really cracking

From the tobacco fields of rural Virginia to the sleek coffeehouses of San Francisco, and here in Rocky Mountain country, a clear majority of Americans seem to be eager, even insistent, to see a Republican slash-and-burn attack on a federal bureaucracy that they say is more harm than good."

"Let's see a reduction," said Frank Scartozzi, 32, a dentist in Tenafly, New Jersey. "We all have to manage our budgets; it's time for Congress to manage theirs. This country has got Newt Gingrich, the Georgia

One issue, repeated so often that nothing else comes close, strikes a raw nerve with the American electorate: welfare. Most of the nearly 70 people interviewed over the weekend said that President Bill Clinton had not delivered on his promise to rein in welfare costs, and that the Republicans seemed more likely to pursue hard-

"We've got to end the handout mentality in this country," said Tom Raddemann, 41, a computer consultant in Denver.

nosed cuts.

It was a sentiment that seemed to transcend class, race, sex and political affiliation, and it was usually delivered bluntly: The poor did not need a helping hand so much as a swift kick in the pants.

"If you can sit home and have babies and collect more money than you'd get flipping burgers, well, that's what you do," said Isaac White, 42, a marketing executive in Denver.
"And believe me, I'm not the only black person getting fed up

"There's a lot of us starting to vote Republican, even though people don't always admit it," he added. "It's obvious a lot of these social programs are doing

To be sure, not all voters are ready to embrace Republicans' welfare proposals, which include allowing states to abolish aid to young mothers. Nor do they all trust Representative

to understand that nothing is Republican and incoming on a silver platter."

Republican and incoming speaker of the House.

in the view of John Sanford. 44-year-old Chicagoan, Mr. Gingrich is "an absurd crazy. anti-poor racist" who "proba-bly believes that poor people should be deported from this country to another planet.'

But others, after hearing Mr. Gingrich described in ogrelike terms in various news reports, said they found the onetime college teacher to be surprisingly affable, even charming.

"The way the media portray him, 'said Janet Sherman, 46, a Denver homemaker, "vou'd think he didn't want to just start up orphanages, but burn them down, too."

Jenniser Smith, 22, who works for a collection agency in Denver, said the surest way for the Republicans to win the hearts of Americans would be through cuts in the tax code. And if the tax cuts do not go through, she added, the voters will discard the new team on Capitol Hill as surely as they dispatched the old crew.

"The mood of the public is pretty clear on taxes and welfare," Ms. Smith said. "And if it goes ignored, they're going to have a revolt on their hands."

Most voters say they fall somewhere in the middle of the political spectrum. And many of them, while favoring the cuts in the government pledged by the Republicans, nonetheless shrink from what they see as a far-right social agenda.

Senate switching majorities for the third time since three-page, single-spaced screed addressed to the in-1980, the place is in a logistical uproar. coming Speaker, Newt Gingrich of Georgia. Staffers, By the end of last week, some House Committees "regardless of their political affiliation," Mr. Dingell said, "deserve better treatment than this." still did not know who their members were, and it was impossible to find out how committee budgets would Over in the Senate, transition moved at a more be apportioned between majority and minority. stately pace. New senators worked out of "swing Republicans were staffing up, and Democrats were suites" — a couple of telephones and a room in the

U.S. Welcome Mat Gets Lots of Wear **More Tourists Staying Illegally**

By Ashley Dunn
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In the com-fort of a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight from Belfast, Francis and Theresa S. arrived . Americans often make up only in the United States three a small part of the illegal immimonths ago as tourists. But they grant population. had no intention of returning to their home in Northern Ireland York was over. They were coming to stay on as illegal immigrants.

Unlike the thousands of Mexicans and Central Americans clambering over the fences of the southern border, the couple merely walked through an inspection booth at Kennedy International Airport. An immigration official, checking their passports and plane tickets, smiled and waved them in.

"It was that easy," said Francis, who along with his wife did not want to be fully identified for fear of being uncovered. "They just stamped our passports and that was it," he said

as he sat in a bakery in the New York borough of Queens, taking a break from moving into a new apartment with his wife. Slightly more than half of America's illegal immigrants, including the vast majority in the New York area, casually en-

ter the country as tourists, students or business people, and then simply overstay their visas. And although the Immigration and Naturalization Service spends millions to patrol the southern border, the agency vir-tually ignores those illegal im-

Theresa, have walked in through the nation's front door. "There is absolutely no deterrence," said David Simcox, a senior fellow of the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, which favors restric-tions on immigration. There

isn't much there to stop any-

migrants who, like Francis and

In fact, the immigration service has no specific programs workplaces in 14 counties with aimed at seeking out and deporting the 150,000 visitors a year who end up illegally settling in the United States. Last year, only about 600 people were deported for overstaying their visas, out of 39,000 deportations.

The estimates on illegal immigrants come from an immigration service study that uses air passenger data, census surveys and immigration service statistics. While the numbers provide only a rough approximation, they point out in broad grants who overstay their visits.

Of the 4 million illegal immi- such as computer programgrants in the United States, ming, physical therapy, mediabout 2 million first arrived as cine and some teaching and envisitors. Unlike those who sneak across the border, those such work permits are allowed who enter as visitors come from annually. a broad range of countries, in ... Unions have complained for cluding Italy, the Bahamas, Polard and the Philippines.

years about the rules, arguing that they remove any incentive

Together, they make up a far for companies to train Ameri-

more diverse population than the public debate, focused on the border, tends to include. In fact, outside of the border areas, Mexicans and Central

Cecilia Munoz, a deputy vice president of the National Councal of La Raza, a national Hispanic lobbying organization, said the government's focus on the border had distorted the debate on how to control immigration, turning it instead into a blind bashing of Hispanics.

"Ninety-nine percent of enforcement efforts are directed at Latinos when, in fact, illegal immigration is far more diverse," she said.

In New York, which has the largest illegal immigrant population — about 530,000 — after California, the biggest groups are from Italy, Ecuador and Poland. Mexicans are barely noticeable at just 2 percent of the state's illegal population.

Indeed, for illegal immigrants from the vast majority of countries, the most popular method for moving to the United States has been through overstaying a tourist or business visa.

The immigration service's efforts to arrest illegal immigrants outside the border areas largely concentrates on workplace inspections. Under the requirements of

the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, employers are required to check the immigration status of all employees, and are subject to penalties for hiring illegal immigrants. But the law has proven easy to circum-

And the immigration service also devotes few resources to enforce the law. In the New York area, 15 agents are responsible for investigating

nies that hire foreign profes-

sionals in temporary jobs as a way to drive down labor costs.

Americans are in short supply,

U.S. regulations allow em-

POLITICAL NOTES

2 Ducks and Political Hay

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - A world away from the drained swamp that is Washington, where a Republican Congress has a wounded White House in its cross hairs, President Bill Clinton ventured into an Arkansas marsh with a shotgun before dawn Tuesday and came out hours later bearing two dead ducks and a political message: Assault weapons are bad, but banning them doesn't impede hunting, which is good all-American sport.

"I really started feeling like a person when I was about five minutes out on the water today." Mr. Clinton told his companions after his outing.

The hunting party was partly relaxation for a president to whom inactivity

is anathema, even on this 48-hour breather in his home state. But it was also Mr. Clinton's small bid to repair damage that many politicians say the Democrats suffered in last fall's elections as a result of his support for the assault weapons ban, and to win a happy headline on a day when the big news in the bigger pond was the Republican Congressional dominance that dawns on Wednesday.

Quayle Returns to Hospital

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Vice President Dan Quayle. 47. treated last month for blood clots in his lungs. is back in the hospital, this time for removal of an enlarged appendix. He will undergo surgery later this week. Mr. Quayle's office said Tuesday. (AP)

Brave New Congress, Live!

WASHINGTON - Whatever happens in the new congressional era of Republican control, citizens will be able to witness more of it. Striving for a new aura of openness, the Republicans have agreed to allow television cameras into most committee meetings and daily press briefings with the incoming House speaker, Newt Gingrich, and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole.

Mr. Gingrich is a fan and master of talk radio. He will make space available, at least on Wednesday, Congress' opening day, for various talk-radio hosts to broadcast from the Capitol. On Thursday, Mr. Gingrich will inaugurate a new on-line system that will give anyone with a computer and modem instant access to the full texts of bills and the Congressio-

nal Record at no charge.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative research organization located two blocks from the Capitol, also is making its broadcast facilities available to talkshow hosts from out of town.



Mr. Clinton, who is on a three-day visit to his home state, holding two ducks he shot while hunting with friends Tuesday near Cotton Plant, Arkansas.

doing, they recently staged a dry run of the opening day proceedings, with one Republican, David Dreier of California, even playing the part of the erstwhile majority leader, Representative Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri.

The Republican freshmen will be featured on opening day, presiding in the speaker's chair and introducing measures on the floor. One veteran who will how hosts from out of town.

To make sure the House Republicans · 57, a Republican from Missouri, who is

will look as if they know what they are the only House Republican who was in the chamber when the Republicans last controlled the House in the 1950s. At that time, he was a page, ws (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Barbara Maloney, a 59-year-old psychotherapist, expressing her concern about the full-speed-ahead Republicans in control of Congress: "Things will get done. I'm just afraid it will be the wrong

New Rules on Foreign Workers CONFERENCES, COURSES AND EXHIBITIONS

can or immigrant workers in number of abuses over the past specialized fields. few years," Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich said of the de-WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is The Labor Department said cracking down on U.S. compacision to tighten up. it was reducing from six to three

years the duration of the work permits. Current rules require a dire shortage of skilled workcompanies to certify that they ers and their competitiveness is will pay foreign workers the threatened and they must get ployers to hire foreign nationals prevailing salary for the region skilled workers from abroad, problem with illegal immining skilled professions where but the new regulations will re-safety valve," he said. "But we quire them to say specifically also want to tighten up what is what that is. In addition, employers now workers from abroad without

> Department they are not using ers." foreigners to replace workers Unions have said workers who either are on strike or have who suffer most from the been locked out because of a abuses are American minor-

"Obviously if employers face

now a means of getting skilled will have to assure the Labor investing in American work-

ities, women, immigrants and "The problem is we've had a recent college graduates.

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Abortion-Killing Suspect Ordered Held Without Bail

NORFOLK, Virginia — A on Virginia charges of firing into an occupied building.

Mr. Salvi of Hamases, killing two people. was ordered.

hairdresser, was ringed by sheriff's deputies as he stood impassively with his court-appointed lawyer, Tazewell Hubard.

Mr. Salvi, 22, is charged with request killing two abortion clinic re-

killing two people, was ordered Hampshire, has been held withheld without bond Tuesday at out bond since he was arrested his arraignment. Saturday moments Solvi 3d, a student shooting in Norfolk. Saturday moments after the Virginia prosecutors said

they may request a hearing, possibly as early as Thursday, on a Massachusetts extradition

Mr. Hubard said he had not ceptionists in Brookline, Mas- had time to speak extensively sachusetts, on Friday and with his client, whom he deounding five other people, scribed as apprehensive beand then spraying more than 20 cause of the publicity surroundshots the next day into a clinic ing the case, Mr. Hubard said here. No one was wounded in he did not know if Mr. Salvi Norfolk. The arraignment be- would fight extradition.

Away From Politics

 A U.S. District Court judge in New Jersey blocked enforcement of a law that would have allowed authorities to notify the public that a convicted rapist had settled in the community after being released from prison. The judge said the law was unconstitutional because it could cause irreparable harm to a released convict.

• The U.S. Supreme Court, by a 7-2 vote, has cleared the way for the execution of a Texas man for a 1986 murder that state prosecutors said was committed by his sister. Under laws in many states, people who did not take a life can be convicted and sentenced to death for their involvement in crimes that resulted in a death.

• Gary, Indiana, no longer has the highest homicide rate among U.S. cities, having dropped to 64 murders per 100,000 residents in 1994 from 92 per 100,000 the year before, the police said. The new "murder capital" has not been officially declared, but New Orleans had a homicide rate of 88 per 100,000 last year, The Post-Tribune of Gary reported. (AP)



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Rules for Peacekeeping

The U.S. Army's new field manual on peacekeeping is required reading for many officers. It is also worth a look by policymakers and citizens interested in knowing whether the army is adjusting to its new role in the post-Cold War world. The short and reassuring answer is "yes."

In a world no longer defined by the Soviet threat, peacekeeping may well be the growth industry for the army. But it poses a difficult challenge to an army whose traditional mission has been ground combat and whose standard doctrine has been that of overwhelming force. The new manual — an important document in an organization that goes by the book — signals that the struggle to take peacekeeping seriously is being won. With the chief of staff, General Gordon R. Sullivan, committed, there is a good chance the troops will learn to do peacekeeping right.

The manual, for example, establishes a clear separation between peacekeeping and peace "enforcement." In peacekeeping, belligerents consent to the troops' presence and operations. To ensure that consent, it is critical for peacekeepers to remain impartial and limit their use of force. "Force," notes the manual, "may only be used in self-defense or defense of the mandate." in enforcement, by contrast, outside troops have the right to use force to compel or coerce all of the parties master the same lessons. to the conflict, without their consent.

"Commanders," warns the manual, "must avoid inadvertently slipping from one type of peace operation to another - a dangerous form of "mission creep." Moreover, once troops have crossed "the impartiality and consent divides" and engaged in peace enforcement, they should not then be used in peacekeeping in the same locale. Even in peace enforcement, moreover, self-restraint is the rule.

Now comes the test: turning principles into practice through training and exer-The army resists training troops solely for peacekeeping. It justifiably argues that troops trained for combat can be retrained to conduct peace operations. It also prefers to err on the side of overarming its troops. That runs the risk of overreaction, but senior officers are convinced that when troops are not well drilled and are underarmed, they are more likely to feel menaced and overreact.

The army is also shortening the time it takes to absorb the lessons of actual overseas operations and introduce them into its training. U.S. troops in Somalia, for instance, were carelessly ordered by civil-ian leaders to take sides against one war-lord at the United Nations' behest; newly trained troops in Haiti are doing their best to apply the rule of impartiality. The hope is that civilian policymakers will

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

What About Health Care?

How fickle are America's politicians? A year ago, if only in response to the president, most of them could be found saying that health care reform was a major national issue. Now, having done not a thing about it, they have gone on to other subjects as if the earlier speeches were never made. Health care is not at the top of even the president's list. It has been supplanted by tax cuts, budget cutting, welfare reform and all the familiar rest, including a number of proposals that could well exacerbate the health care problems that last year the country was being told it was essential to solve.

The talk now, the president's overly broad proposal having failed with cause, is of incremental reform at most. It is not clear even what that is.

Part of the problem, as last year's debate so vividly demonstrated, is that no health care benefit is free and the health care system is already full of complex cost shifts. One man's benefit will always be another's cost, but it is not always clear who that other will be.

Most incremental plans include some insurance market reform. To what extent and by what means do you force the insurance industry to cover or offer coverage at reasonable rates to groups that it misses now - people between jobs, people who work for small employers, those with pre-existing conditions, those who by virtue of age or other factors are at greatest risk of needing costly care? The basic answer is to put such people in large even an incremental reform bill this year, pools, which spread the risk. But that has and part of the reason is that even here the effect of raising costs for groups such

relatively cheap. They either drop out of the system, adding to the number of the uninsured, or are forced out by the higher cost or end up being even more burdened financially by a system that already was

burdensome. It is an unsolved problem. Incremental reform also tends to include a degree of deference to the states: Let them experiment and tailor the rules according to their needs. But current federal law exempts self-insuring companies from state regulation, and the companies, including most of the largest in the country and the most successful in holding down

health care costs, want to keep it that way. The incrementalists are also being called upon to referee between buyers and sellers of care more directly. Increasingly, sellers or providers are turning to povernment to protect them against the demands of the large managed care companies to which government is itself in-

creasingly turning to help suppress costs.

A final problem has to do with budget cutting. Health care costs are now about a sixth of the federal budget and the fastest rising major share. They have to figure prominently in any budget cutting plan, but cutting them does not so much eliminate the costs as shift them to other payers - the states, the privately insured, the hospitals where some of the larger costs tend to be incurred. What then and how do you keep these cost shifts, too,

from adding to the numbers of uninsured? It is not clear that they will try to do the choices are very tough.

Other Comment

Big Problems, Small Leaders

President Bill Clinton's unsteady course is a reminder of the dearth of leaders of stature around the world. The end of the Cold War and the disappearance of two opposing power blocs represent a climactic moment in the modern world's history, requiring men and women of vision to give a new thrust to making the world a better place to live in. Yet we find leaders of all the significant powers mired in domestic problems.

Britain's John Major is hanging on to power by the skin of his teeth; with President François Mitterrand's impending departure from the scene, France does not have a leader of stature; Helmut Kohl has barely managed to return to office; President Boris Yeltsin has been mired in Chechnya, highlighting his political vulnerability; China is fearing the passing away of its senior leader, Deng Xiaoping. It is a sign of the times and the lacklus-

ter nature of leadership around the world that success is measured increasingly in economic terms, with the Asian Tigers occupying a hallowed place. If the United States has made the promotion of its economic interests a pillar of its foreign policy, it is understandable that such powers of the past as Britain and France should use their executive head of government to bag orders for their countries' industries. proudly totting up the number of jobs saved to ingratiate themselves with their electorates. The primacy of economies in politics would have pleased Marx.

S. Nihal Singh, commenting in the Khaleej Times (Dubai).

Helping an Eroded Presidency

Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton have now worked out a clever routine that achieves what official diplomacy cannot. In North Korea, it was avoidance of war by bribing the Pyongyang regime to give up its nuclear weapons potential. In Haiti, it was saving face for the junta before sending its generals on their way. In Bosnia, Mr. Carter pulled off a delicate cease-fire that offers Mr. Clinton cover

for a major policy retreat. In each instance, White House and State Department officials leaked the message that they consider Mr. Carter an annoying and naive meddler. In each instance, the former president has plowed away unconcerned as conflictresolver to the world while the current president gratefully accepts rescue from diplomatic dark holes.

No wonder that Jimmy Carter's approval ratings are soaring. No wonder. too, that administration leaders, who have been swinging like weather vanes on Bosnia, resent Mr. Carter's intrusions. Charles William Maynes, editor of Foreign Policy, says Mr. Carter has exposed "the erosion of the imperial presidency and revealed "the utter

bankruptcy" of official U.S. diplomacy. Do not expect Mr. Clinton to tell his Subordinates to stop bad-mouthing the former president. This is all part of a pattern that gives the administration deniability at the same time it welcomes whatever useful comes out of Jimmy Carter's free-lancing.

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$Don't \, Look \, for \, `Moderates' \, in \, the \, Islamist \, Revolution$

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's reaction to the Algeria problem has been schizophrenic.

Vashington has made muscular general statements condemning Islamic extremism, as in speeches and articles by National Security Adviser Anthony Lake. And it has taken a strong stand against the potential strategic danger from Iran; Secretary of State Warren Christopher has sought to persuade America's allies to join in restricting credits and the transfer of militarily usable advanced technology to Iran. Where specific policy toward Algeria is concerned, the United States has agreed, at French urging, to support the Paris Club rescheduling of more than \$5 billion in Algerian official debt.

But at the same time the administration has tried hard to distance itself from the Algerian government's crackdown (no senior Washington official has visit-ed Algiers) and has consistently urged a dialogue between the government and moderate members of the Islamic opposition. (The U.S. Embassy opened contacts with the Islamic Front.) The administration has sought to distance itself from the French, who have more openly backed the authorities in Algiers.

As the violence in Algeria intensified, The Washington Post reported last May that the administration was preparing for the eventuality of a revolutionary Islamic republic in Algeria. The State Department vigorously denied the story.

The Algerian foreign minister flew hurriedly to Washington and was assured that the United States had come to no such fatalistic conclusion. The reassurances were probably sincere. The question remains whether the administration's approach may be accelerating the very result it says it doesn't want.

By Peter W. Rodman

U.S. policy is based on two premises: that there are moderates in the Islamic camp who can be co-opted and will prevail over the radicals; and that an Islamic Algeria would be reasonably friendly toward the United States. Both these premises are debatable.

Abdelhamid Benzine, a respected Algerian journalist, is eloquent on the subject of Islamic moderates: "Yes, there exists a moderate Islam, but there exists no moderate Islamism ... Islamism, like every other religious fundamentalism, is by nature totalitarian."

It would be too easy to caricature the quest for Islamic "moderates" in Algiers as a replay of the ill-fated Reagan pursuit of "moderates" in Tehran. More relevant is the Carter experience at the time of the fall of the shah, when U.S. efforts to woo moderate leaders in Tehran collapsed and those leaders were chewed up and spat out by the Khomeini revolution. Few revolutions are dominated by moderates. The constant U.S. pressure

on the Algiers government to pursue a dialogue with the Islamists has only deepened the general impression of its lack of legitimacy and encouraged its opponents in their confidence that they did not really need to compromise because the government was on the run.

Dispelling this perception of inevitable Islamic victory ought to be the main object of any U.S. strategy. This implies tilting to more open support of the regime's tough line.

State Department officials told The Washington Post in May of their ardent desire that America "avoid being labeled the Great Satan in this one" — a refer-

ence to the late Ayatollah Khomeini's favorite description of the United States during the Iranian revolution. If America stays out of the line of fire, they hope, it can escape the Islamic animus that will be directed at the French. This may be

the greatest illusion of all.

The animus against the West for its cultural decadence and corrupting influence, which is a major part of Islamism's ideological thrust, targets America as the worst offender. Who can blame them? And with America's new status as the only superpower, it is all the more the embodiment of what they despise.

Already the Islamic opposition in Tunisia has been asking the same concessions that the Algerian government, under American pressure, was granting earlier to its Islamists. As the Algerian Islamists gain ground, the sense of Islamic vindication grows in every other Muslim society in which they seek a greater political role. Likewise the demoralization of those resisting them grows.

Who are the targets of the contemporary Islamic resurgence if not all the moderate, pro-Western Arab govern-ments that happen to be America's principal partners in the Middle East? In Egypt and other Arab countries, senior officials talk nervously of America's naivete in believing that it can win the Islamists' friendship. An Islamic Algeria would be enough, especially through its impact in Egypt, to transform overnight the U.S. position in the Middle East. An Islamic Algeria would thus be a strategic bonanza for Iran.

The Iranians have been caught in the act of organizing terrorist activities in Sudan, with the obvious aim of operating more widely in Egypt and North Africa. Iranian weapons have reportedly found their way to the Algerian extremists. It is highly likely that any new Islamic regime in the Arab world would strike up a link with Iran, which has declared its "inter-

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nationalist" duty to be the patron of such an Islamic resurgence.

The Arab-Israeli peace process could be another casualty. The Islamists despise it as a sellout. Already the Israeli-Palestinian negotiation is being disrupted by the PLO's struggle with the Islamic radical

group Hamas. Anything that strengthened amas could doom the diplomacy. The Clinton administration has recently backed off a bit from its pressure on Algiers — but mainly from a desire not to add another feud with France to the already bitter disputes over Bosnia and Iraq. But much of the French rationale for pushing to lift sanctions on Iraq is to restore a counterweight to Iran, which the French are convinced is a source of inspiration and more to the Algerian Islamists. A more supportive U.S. posture in Algeria might improve

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French policy in the Gulf.

The Clinton administration wants to postpone for as long as possible any decision to choose sides. That moment may be at hand. Algeria may be the place to draw the line.

To assume either the inevitability or the legitimacy of the Islamic tide, in Algeria or anywhere else, would be a grave disservice to the many millions of modern, moderate people in the Arab world who are on the front lines resisting it.

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End of the Pacific War: A 50-Year Debate Has Not Closed the Book

OKYO - The furor over a Smithsonian Institution exhibit on the atomic bombing of Japan and the U.S. stamp commemorating the dropping of the two bombs provides a taste of the difficulties to be expected this year on the 50th anniversary of

the end of the Pacific War. Debate on whether the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 was necessary is certain to intensify. Allied veterans groups and Japanese victims of the bombings will join others in Asia and the United States in asking why the Pacific War was fought and why the surrender process dragged on for so long.

Old, familiar positions will be hard to resist. Too many vested interests may be at stake, in Ja-pan and in the region, for much enlightenment to emerge.

The U.S. decision to scrap the proposed postage stamp has

By Roger Buckley

been welcomed in Japan, though the issue of whether the A-bomb brought the war to a quicker end is still hotly argued.

The message on the stamp was that "atomic bombs hasten war's end." Revisionists, however, insist that this ignores the precariousness of Imperial Japan's po-sition; and they maintain that it was only a matter of time before the effects of the Allieds' naval blockade and the aerial bombardment would have brought the Japanese military and government to its senses.

The same school of thought reckons that the bomb was used primarily to intimidate the Russians and remind one and all of U.S. military prowess. The subject, of course, is easi-

er to digest for the victor nations. Yet, the cancellation of the Hiroshima stamp is a reminder that flag-waving by any government can have a price. Prime Minister John Major's cabinet

learned this lesson last year when veterans objected sharply to proposed street parties, insisting rightly on commemoration rather than celebration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

The doubts in the United States over the deployment of

the A-bomb are nothing compared to the fractures within Japanese society. The United States will continue to view the Pacific War as a "good war"; for Japan the war remains the central event of its modern history, yet there is little national consensus on how to analyze those painful years.

The question of how to account for the years of aggression - from Japan's expansion into northern China in 1937 to the final surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2. 1945 — has split the country at least into three. On the right there remains an entrenched belief that the war

was a just crusade intended to liberate Asia from Western colonialism. This is challenged in all particulars by a probably smaller group on the left that sees the war as a disgraceful aberration that enslaved Japan's continental neighbors. In the middle is the silent majority: all those who would rather not confront the hard issues raised by the war. (The subject of Japanese imperialism can, in fact, be dangerous. Those who speak up know that the ultra-right is capable of using force or intimidation to discourage debate.)

It is thus highly unlikely that this year's events will change many Japanese minds. One can expect a plethora of television programs but a highly cautious assessment of why imperial troops were in Manchuria and Manila and Mandalay. The attack on Pearl Harbor will be balanced against the bombing of Hiroshima. The suggestion will be made that the people of Japan though hardly its wartime leader were victims, not aggressors. The Rape of Nanking and the cruel fate of Asian sex slaves will

the battle of Leyte and the firebombing of Tokyo, which caused more deaths than the A-bombs. Confronting the war will be immensely difficult for victors and victims. The evidence suggests that governments on all sides will leave it to others to rake over the embers. History is likely to suffer.

be played down as Japan recalls

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Some Supposed Democrats in Bangladesh Are Menacing the System

LIONG KONG — Believers in ☐ elective democracy naturally tend to support one another in struggles against authoritarian rule. But what should they do when self-styled democrats prove to have no more regard for the institutions of democracy than

the military men they replaced? Perhaps if the outside world really cared about freedom and democracy in Bangladesh it would focus more on the antics of the opposition there and spend less time idolizing Taslima Nasrin. The Bangladeshi writer was able to tap into a Western obsession with the threat of Islamic fundamentalism

NEW YORK — The campaign for drug legalization grows in wallet and prestige. As

it picks up journalistic and aca-

demic endorsement and foun-

dation money, one thing stays

constant. It remains now, as it

always has been, one of the

The great majority of Ameri-

most cruel and selfish move-

cans are against legalization. So

are the politicians they elect to

office. And Americans who be-

lieve in using government power

and public opinion to fight nar-

cotics are drowsily inclined to

believe that to pay attention to

the legalization movement would

ment becomes respectable. The

Soros foundation recently gave pro-legalizers at least \$6 million

to study legalization and de-

against drugs is long and weary-ing. Achievement does not al-

ways hold steady. People who

say they have a cheap and fast

solution get a hearing that their

Far more important, it is

clear that the legalizers can

make important headway with-

out passing laws. They strive to weaken the essential national

resolve that the drug war must

be fought with as many weap-

ons and for as long as it takes. This is backdoor drug accep-

tance, almost as dangerous as

legalization. The United States

is still paying in broken lives,

fear, violence and damaged

newborns for the tacit decrimi-

nalization won by the counter-

The University of Michigan away, put them away.

culture in the '60s.

logic would never earn them.

Meanwhile, the struggle

While we slumber, the move-

strengthen it, so let's not.

ments in America.

to achieve a literary fame that had otherwise eluded her. What is really going on in Bangladesh? Briefly:

In February 1991, elections were held after Hussain Mohammed Ershad, who had been in power for eight years after a military coup, was forced to resign after countrywide demonstrations. The elections saw the triumph of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party. or BNP, led by Khalida Zia, widow of the assassinated former

president Ziaur Rahman Her party, which had led the

Legal Drugs Would Be a Cruel Hoax

By A. M. Rosenthal

Institute for Social Research re-

ports that illegal drug use

among secondary school stu-

dents is rising. The study traced

an expansion of drug use among

young people into the late 1970s, a decline through 1991

The warning from the study

group was that as children

heard less disapproval and more

glamorization or approval of

drugs, their own use went up.

It is time to state the truth, as

often as the message is heard in

the academy, the press, the movies or television. The legal-

ization movement is cruel be-

cause it would create more ad-

dicts, more abused children,

more victims of muggings and

robbery, millions more every

move the entire burden of fight-

ing drugs from the totality of

society to neighborhoods that al-

ready suffer most. It is both cruel

and selfish because it glides over the ruined lives of those who

The movement claims that le-

galization would drive drug

mobsters out of business, which

would cut down on crime so we

nonaddicts could live in peace.

But nobody has demonstrated how it would reduce crime or

the New York police have shown

the way at least to cut down on

drug-mob shootings. Go after

them, arrest gunners, pushers

and their customers; don't look

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and

addiction, because it will not.

abuse drugs, legally or not.

It is selfish because it would

single year.

You don't really need a law.

and since then a resurgence.

opposition to General Ershad.

came in well ahead of the Awami League, led by Sheikh Hasina Wazed, daughter of Sheikh Mujib, the founding father of the nation. who himself was assassinated.

Although the elections were regarded as generally free and fair by outside observers, Sheikh Hasina cried foul and attempted in vain to block Begum Zia's appointment as prime minister. Now the embittered Sheikh Hasina is having another go at overturning constitutional processes. First she and her party

The police have done their

job well enough in Washington

Heights to force the mobsters

indoors. That cuts down on

street assassinations. But it has

not cut down on drug abuse, or

Most drug crimes are not car-

ried out by addicts frantic for

drug buying money, but after

and because of drug use, by ad-

dicts who take to cold-blooded

crime as the only way drugs

leave them fit to make a living

If legalization made drugs pur-

chasable without penalty - or

gave them away - there would

be more addicts, therefore more

crime. That is the root hoax of

takes a combination of interdic-

tion at home and abroad, well-

funded drug therapy and a reso-

lute anti-drug consensus

enforced by tough, constant

parent, police and neighbor-

hood pressure. A combination. Americans who support le-

galization are not looking for an

up or down vote. They know

they could never win, But they

also know, because America has

seen it happen, that if the public

stops caring about enforcing the

drug laws, that is just as good as

taking them off the books, and a

lot less trouble.
Americans who support drug

legalization or decriminaliza-

tion may be otherwise decent

people. But to the extent that

they succeed they are responsi-

ble for what is wrought, even

though they be lovely to their

own children and house plants,

and whether they contribute

one dollar or six million, in

The New York Times.

To fight drugs and drug crime

legalization.

on crimes by addicts.

nized mass strikes and rallies to try to force Begum Zia to step down prior to holding a new election (one is not due until 1996). When that did not work, she

and her followers resigned from Parliament. What will happen now is anyone's guess. But if Sheikh Hasina continues the boy-cott, by-elections presumably will be held, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party will win and then the Awami League will claim that Parliament is undemocratic!

Sheikh Hasina has entered into an unholy alliance with the Jatiya Party of the deposed General Ershad and the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami.

Sheikh Hasina rejected the compromise proposed by a Commonwealth mediator, Sir Ninian Ste-phen, under which opposition leaders would be brought into the government to oversee the election. Most recently, Begum Zia offered to step aside just before the election. That, too, was rejected. Sheikh Khalida has an imperi-

ous style, reminiscent of that of Indira Gandhi. The BNP is no party of angels, but its record is no worse than those of the others. Given its poverty, low literacy level and immature institutions. Bangladesh has had something to be proud of with its participatory democracy. It also has a lively and free press and a secular constitution not seriously threatened by fundamentalists. The actions of the embittered

Sheikh Hasina not only undermine newly restored democratic

boycotted Parliament and orga-institutions, they threaten the country's economic progress. Economic growth has been inching up and reached 5 percent in the year to June.

The government deficit has been slashed, savings have increased and the current account deficit is now a mere 2 percent of gross domestic product.

The country, once known as a basket case, is even on the verge of self-sufficiency in grain production. It has become a significant garment exporter and has begun to attract foreign investment — even into its nascent

stock market. It is not clear whether an Awami League government would go back on the economic policies of the BNP government. Sheikh Hasina may be stuck in a world of memories of her father and might favor a warmed-over version of 1960s' subcontinental socialism. (General Ershad favored the private sector but cro-

nyism was rampant). It is not so much a question of what Sheikh Hasina might do in government. More important is the damage she and her allies are causing already to a country just getting to its feet — amid strikes, disorder and uncertainty about the future - through their unwillingness to accept the conventions of parliamentary democracy. It is time foreign democrats told Sheikh Hasina what they think of her behavior - before the generals again make her illustrious name urelevant.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Mukden Anarchy SHANGHAI - News received

by commercial houses here from Mukden represents that city to be in a state of anarchy. The Chinese and Manchu soldiers frequently engage in severe fights, and the civilian population suffers about equally from both. Every civilian daring to offer resistance to the soldiery is murdered. Twelve thousand additional troops are said to have arrived at Mukden recently.

1920: Brace for Grippe

PARIS — Misfortunes never come singly, and it is not surprising that with anticipations of a Paris flood should come fears of a recurrence of the influenza epidemic [The Herald says in an editorial;) In the city there have been noted isolated centres of a disease which has all the appearances of grippe. It is better to

avoid grippe than to have to treat it. But it is very probable that even if it becomes extended a little, we shall not see the grippe of 1918-19, which prevailed throughout the world and made so great a number of victims.

LONDON - King Peter, Jugo-slavia's 21-year-old exiled mon-

arch, was understood tonight [Jan. 3] to have agreed to the establishment of a regency council for his country, Well-informed Jugoslav sources reported that the new regency will be composed of three members representing Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia in an effort to unite the rival nationalities in the country. These sources confidently expected that the next Prime Minister would be Marshal Josip Broz (Tito), leader of the country's Left-wing national liberation movement.

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1945: United Jugoslavia?

O P I N I O N

The Gingrich 'Quick Fix' Missed the Ethical Point

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — As a Nixon speechwriter a generation ago, I was delighted to get a check for \$150 from The New York Times for a piece about language. I told the White House counsel I would keep it because the article had nothing to do with my official duties and was

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written on my own time.

Counsel said to send the check back. Why? Because I was working full time for the U.S. government and it would be unethical to earn money on the side.

I grumped about returning the payment, but was gratified we had someone keeping the White House

The ethical issue is not whether he gets paid in advance. The issue is how much, if any, outside income a public official should be permitted to earn while on the public payroll.

on the straight and narrow. (The counsel was John Dean, who later served time and gained bankable fame as architect of the Watergate cover-up; the only ethics he wortied about more mine.)

about were mine.)
This episode of denial of outside income was brought to mind by the case of speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich's \$4.5 million book deal,

When first revealed, his contract to receive an advance of royalties expected from two books caused a furor. Newt at first dismissed the reaction as "book envy," a play on "penis envy," pointing to piddling advances paid to liberals in the past.

Newt had no sense of how unseemly his bonanza was -- making it appear that the Republican scourge of society's freeloaders was promptly cashing in on his new position. Two critics saved his neck. The Democratic whip David Bonior, always against free trade, professed to see a remote conflict of interest in the deal in the control of the pub-

lisher by Rupert Murdoch, whose

interests may be affected by legisla-

tion. Mr. Bonior's excessive, parti-san blast made Newt look put-upon. The speaker was assisted further by an editorial in The New York Times, which suggested an apparently ethical way out: "He can forgo an advance and simply wait for the royalties to come in once the books are actually on sale."

Newt seized that opening and ran to daylight. As Bob Dole needled him and talk show hosts hollered "sellout," author Gingrich circulated a letter to his House colleagues announcing he would "for-go four and a half million dollars." awaiting the royalties after the books were sold.

Editorialists hailed his self-denial. Republicans in Congress heaved a sigh of relief, as if he had dealt forthrightly with impropriety.

But his quick fix misses the point. The ethical issue is not whether he gets paid in advance. The issue is how much, if any, outside income a public official should be permitted

to earn while on the public payroll.
Is it right for an elected official, drawing a salary from the public for his full-time talents, to capitalize on the celebrity and controversy gained through his office by writing books — or for that matter, by giving speeches, endorsing prod-ucts or earning outside income in any way?

It's not against the law. Nor is it unprecedented: Gingrich showed us a list of books by legislators, including Vice President Al Gore's ill-selling screed on the environment, written more as a springboard for publicity than for profit. If Al can earn thousands, why not Newt millions?

I have nothing against anybody making big money. Bleeding hearts should note that half of Newt's earned millions will go to government in taxes. And the public interest is served when a sitting lawmaker invests extra personal effort in writing and articulating political ideas.

Outside earning, drawn from memoirs of public service, or made possible by the celebrity gained by a time in office, should await the end of that service. That is what presidents have always done; that is what General Colin Powell properly did in his \$6 million deal. To make serious money, first get out of government.

While in office, when books, CD-ROMs or profit-making on-line services are undertaken, earnings should be capped; one-third of the official's salary is reasonable. Income in excess of the cap should go to the government, not to some preferred orphanage, because notoriety derived from government power gives value to the official's editorial output.

Public officials should not compete with private citizens as providers of media content. Officeholders should not line their pockets with the latest form of "honest graft," The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We Know Columbus

Regarding "Discovering America: How Mrs. Columbus Saw It" (Features, Dec. 7) by Jake Lamar:

How many times do we have to start all over again? Many facts of history are colored by opinion and point of view, but a vast amount of them are scientific truth and do not have to pass any more juries of laymen and laywomen.

The role of Columbus in the Americas has been amply documented ever since Bartolomé de las Casas chronicled it in the early 1500s. It has just taken a long time to find its way into our school books because it goes against the traditional view of white civilization bringing light and Christianity to savages.

The facts in the high school biography I wrote, "Columbus: His Enterprise," are all documented and establish him as a man unusually cruel, even for his time, and as the initiator of the extermination policies of Spain in the West Indies. This is neither "glib" nor "Columbus bashing," as Mr. Lamar calls it.

There is no "legitimate controverover Columbus's one and only lock) of the captain-general of Porto Santo in the Madeiras. She did not "honeymoon" with Columbus (the very suggestion is ridiculous).

HANS KONING. New Haven, Connecticut.

Fit for the Compost Heap?

Regarding "Conservation Doesn't Conserve, and Can Do More Harm Than Good" (Opinion, Nov. 23) by Herbert Inhaber and Harry Saunders:

I'm shocked by the choice of the above-mentioned article taken from the reputable journal The Sciences. The authors' contribution to such a "hot" issue as energy conservation should not have been accepted by The Sciences unless as a joke. This journal generally features objective and serious contributions to the sciences, theology and even economics. The article in question, however, addresses the issue like a high-school theme paper, and a poor one at that.

The economic and historical arguments for promoting energy conservation posed by the authors are spe-cious at best. Messrs. Inhaber and Saunders completely ignore the wife. She was not Portuguese but most significant reason for energy Spanish (of Italian origin), and the conservation: the reduction of poldaughter (perhaps born out of wed- lution caused by the continuing and

(according to them) increasing use of conventional energy sources.

Every effort must be made to use renewable and clean sources to achieve sustainable development. The right environmental management is one of the most important means toward this end.

Switching off that unneeded light will one day provide many children with extra rice and will reduce the world's consumption of dirty energy - but only if our leaders push harder for the development of clean (renewable) energies.

CHARLES M. GOTTSCHALK.

Different Stories

Regarding "A British Athlete's Fight for Health and Esteem" Sports, Dec. 15) by Ian Thomsen: Mr. Thomsen is right, Diane Mo-

dahl is in a lousy business, and Mr. Thomsen describes it eloquently. But the difference between Diane Mo-dahl and Peter Gordon is that Mr. Gordon waived his right to a hearing in which he, like Mrs. Modahl, could have explained himself. When he made that decision it amounted to admitting guilt and he was declared ineligible for four years. Mrs. Modahl, in turn, rejected the

allegations against her, sought and received a hearing; her remonstra-tions were deemed unsatisfactory. Then came the ban. You cannot be reinstated — by this organization or any other — when you have not yet been condemned. That makes the cases of Mr. Gor-

don and Mrs. Modahi fundamentally different, and the statement, "Like Modahl, Gordon sought reinstatement from a four-year ban ... wrong. That doesn't make Mr. Gordon's situation any less sad. Would that it did. I hope you take the point.

CHRISTOPHER P. WINNER. International Amateur Athletic Federation. Monaco.

Brandeis and Cardozo

Regarding "Supreme Court Christ-mas Party Withstands Challenges"

At the end of her piece, Joan Bis-kupic says, "for the first time in history, the court has two Jewish justices." This is incorrect. Louis Brandeis was appointed in 1916 and remained on the court until 1939. Benjamin Cardozo was appointed in 1932 and kept his seat until 1938.

BERNARD SINSHEIMER. Boulogne, France.

They Believed in Change And Now Are Made to Pay

By Karl E. Mayer

shortly before Christmas, a festive or transform themselves in a transseason, yet the man was palpably ill formed Germany. They are doubly at ease. He said he felt like a victim the losers, since they get scant symaway from his safe haven in eastern

MEANWHILE

Berlin. Indeed, he had visited western Berlin less than a dozen times since the Wall was breached by the autumn revolution of 1989.

His wife said she overcame these terrors, out of need. Three times a week she crosses the gone but hardly forgotten line, traveling 90 minutes each way from outlying Koe-penick to Grunwald. There she cleans house for an affluent westerner; along with her half pension. it is the couple's major source of income. She has a university degree and is fluent in three languages. Her husband, with a Ph.D. and an academic background, now helps a relative clean house and maintain a vegetable farm.

Their story is typical of thousands of former civil servants and re-

BERLIN — We met at a restaurant in the chic Savignyplatz searchers in eastern Berlin who are too young to retire (he is 55, she is quarter in western Berlin. It was 59) but too old to migrate elsewhere formed Germany. They are doubly of agoraphobia, becoming anxious pathy from westerners who point out that they were once the privi-leged elite in a tyranny that sent 200,000 East Germans to jail for

political offenses. There is truth in this, though by West German standards their privileges were modest: a small semidetached house, meager salaries and a Trabant, which can be defined as a power lawn mower with a minicar wrapped around it. She helped promote tourism, and he wrote academic papers on environmental topics.

True, they were party members, which was the passport to advancement, and believed that change for the better was possible in the oppressive East German system. They also believed erroneously, that Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms opened a path that East Germany might successfully follow.

With the collapse of the Wall, their lives were turned upside down. The great majority of academics lost their posts and privileges, and most of their colleagues were dismissed. Then in 1991, he was given a chance to take early retirement at half pension. He was also offered a job as editor by a West German publisher, and passed up the pension. Months later, the editing job vanished, and he has now six months before his unemployment insurance expires. He has been working without pay at the farm. Meantime, their house rent has jumped from \$40 a month to more than \$800.

To all this, she responds with Berliner humor: "Having spent 30 years learning about the contradictions of communism, I now have 30 years to do the same for capitalism." He strikes a different note: "It's not so much the personal loss of status that bothers me as the wholesale dismiss-al of everything we tried to do." Perhaps they exaggerate in claiming that many in their circle, overwhelmed by hopelessness, simply commit suicide, though it is not reported as such in police statistics.

Some would say they are only getting what they deserve, that dissidents under communism suffered far worse with less reason. But at this time and during this season, I somehow cannot approve this cold example of what Germans call Schadenfreude.

The New York Times.

BOOKS

TAP, TAP By David Martin. 304 pages. \$20. Random House. Reviewed by Carolyn See

THIS is the perfect gross-out 1 novel for your friends or enemies, a literary fashion statement that's a lot of fun, if you're in the mood for it. It's billed as a "thriller," but it's too much fun to be a thriller.

Gross-out is the aim: the name of the game. And here in "Tap, Tap," when the desiccated, half-dead vampire begins chewing down half-live rats, the general effect is the same.

So, reading "Tap, Tap," preferably on a rainy afternoon, you can watch with perfect

The New York Times
This list is based on reports from more than
000 bookstores throughout the United States,
leeks on list are not necessarily consecutive.

FICTION

1 POLITICALLY CORRECT REDTIME STORIES, by James Finn Games 2 DEBT OF HONOR, by Tom

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15 NOTHING LASTS FOREV-ER, by Sidney Sheldon 13

1 DON'T STAND TOO CLOSE TO A NAKED MAN, by Tim Allem

NONFICTION

sucking the blood right out of them. (Peter taps on things before he murders his victims.) ter commits is very regrettable, their neighborhoods, pudgy-thighed promiscuous secretaries who pick up men in bars.

The story here isn't told by that lovable, ditsy vampire but from the point of view of Roscoe Bird, a straight-shooting guy who grew up on an island

ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS

I ILLUMINATA, by Marianne

WILLIAMSON
2 MEN ARE FROM MARS.
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3 IN THE KITCHEN WITH
ROSE by Page Dalar.

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BEST SELLERS

vampire, Peter Tummelier, ther used to run a charter boat murders an awful old couple by service. But after Roscoe's dad died under mysterious circumstances, Roscoe was forced to leave the island. The unattrac-None of these murders that Pe- tive old couple with the blood sucked out of them happened to because the victims are people have been instrumental in all generally loathed in popular this chicanery, which is why Pecalture — pannchy old guys in ter Tummelier, a poor little rich Sansabelts, leather-faced rich kid who lived on the island at women who play too much golf, the time and idolized the Bird mean old ladies who snoop on family, has decided to take his long-term vampire revenge.
The real story begins when
Roscoe, who has had a wild,

fairly debauched youth, finally decides to settle down in the big city with his beautiful new wife, Marianne. Finally, Roscoe may be getting over the sorrows of his boyhood, but all this precara plan for the two of them to buy a fancy yacht and sail isn't about a chase or an abduc-around the world together. Peat first bite. Since he's a vam-pire, he needs his old friend to cozy game, whiling away afterbe his "guardian" to take care noon hours.
of all the logistical arrangeCarolyn

rally, Marianne doesn't take to this around-the-world plan.

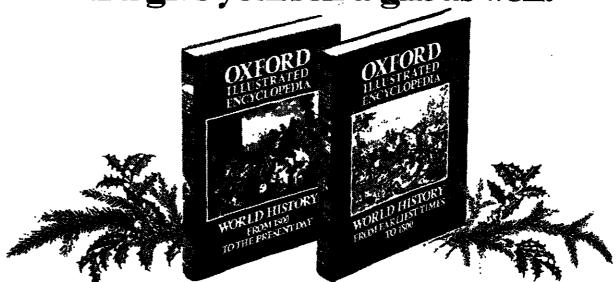
How do you describe a book like this without giving away the plot? It's basically made up of a conversation, then a flashback, then a grisly murder. Every once in a while, characters speculate about what it takes to be a vampire.

So people chat for a while, then they remember for a while, and then Peter goes out and chews on somebody. My favor-ite murder scene is when he chomps down on a girl with pudgy thighs and gets as sick off that girl as if he'd eaten tainted potato salad at a church

Events speed up in the last third of the book. More characters are added, some of them ions domesticity is knocked to vampires. There's an abduction smithereens when Peter shows and a chase. And a surprise up with blood on his breath and ending that wouldn't surprise a plan for the two of them to 7-year-old, but that's O.K. This ter isn't as altruistic as he seems about vampires, really. It's

Carolyn See reviews books ments that go along with blood-sucking as a profession. Natu-

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Israel and Palestinians Resume Talks Amid Growing Discord

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM --- Almost as if reading from a well-worn script. Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged Tuesday to push ahead in their peace talks even as they warned that their task had become increasingly difficult, to the point of crisis.

Events on Tuesday followed a pattern that in the last few months has become increasingly familiar, and discouraging, to both sides.

Senior negotiators met once more in Cairo, struggling for progress while back home fresh killings and land disputes showed how much rancor and mistrust remains between the two peoples despite the many high-level handshakes and shared peace prizes.

Each side blamed the other for

heavy shooting on Monday night in which Israeli troops killed three Palestinian police officers at the northern lip of the Gaza Strip.

the two forces since Gaza came under Palestinian control in May. Some Palestinian officials accused the Israelis of cold-blooded murder, but Israelis and said that their soldiers had been fired on first.

In another example of differing versions of reality, the Palestinian police commander in Gaza, Major General Nasser Youssel, said Tuesday night that his officers had arrested 10 armed Israeli soldiers in civilian clothes as they rode in a van near the southern Gaza city of Khan Yunis. Their presence violated existing agreements, General Youssef said, adding, howev-er, that the Israelis would be quickly

district of Jericho.

A senior Israeli official alleged bluntly, albeit anonymously, that Mr. the center of the Jewish settlement and Arafat's aides invent incidents to put waved off the charge as total fiction Israel in a bad light when relations are

rocky, as they are now.
"We know nothing about the arrests
of any Israelis." the official said. And if the armed clash was not enough, the two sides wrangled again over Israeli plans to expand the West between — a dispute complicated by the fact that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had to contend not only with outraged Palestinians but also with angry settlers.

and Jericho to encompass the entire West Bank. The territories have been held by Israel since its victory in the 1967 Middle East war.

Settler leaders accused Mr. Patricular Settler leaders accused Mr. Patric

ment said that building would be al-lowed on a different hill, one closer to

In this charged atm more distant from the Arab town.

But this attempt at compromise satisfied almost no one on Tuesday. And the dispute foreshadowed frictions that are likely to develop again and and a companion Israeli troop withagain as Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat try drawal from West Bank population to move to a second stage of Palestinian self-rule, taking it beyond Gaza

er, that the Israelis would be quickly released.

But Israel denied that any of its soldiers or security men—in or out of uniform—were in the hands of the Palestinian Authority, led by Yasser Arafat and in charge of Palestinian the Israelis would be quickly on Monday, his government halted to construction on a hilltop claimed both by Efrat and and a nearby Palestinian soldiers or security men—in or out of uniform—were in the hands of the Palestinian Authority, led by Yasser Arafat and in charge of Palestinian threats and thus showing weakness, and they warned that they would hold protests of their own if construction did not start right away at Efrat. For their part, Palestinian Authority officials to block a new housing project on what they called illegally confiscated land.

Surrendering to Palestinian threats and thus showing weakness, and they warned that they would hold protests of their own if construction did not start right away at Efrat. For their part, Palestinian Authority officials to block a new housing project on what they called illegally confiscated land.

It was the bloodiest clash between autonomy in Gaza and the West Bank To placate the settlers, the government building is unacceptable and a

In this charged atmosphere, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, met in Cairo to resume discussions of the next self-rule phase, which involves Palestinian elections centers. Moods were grim.

"We are facing a real crisis," Mr. Shaath said, adding: "We are worried about the peace process. Our anxiety, our great sense of crisis is from the slow pace of movement, and we would do our best so far to make sure that

EU Plea to Moscow: Broker a Peace Deal

But Russia Remains Silent By Craig R. Whitney

New York Times Service
BONN — Germany and France said Tuesday that the European Union had asked Russia to invite a group of ex-perts from the 53-nation Orga-nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to try for a peaceful solution to the battle for the secessionist province of

Roland Duque, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry in Paris, said that European Union ambassadors in Moscow had made the suggestion on Fri-day, but that the 15-nation group had not yet received a

response.
Diplomats said that the Europeans were unlikely to take the stronger actions called for by German critics of the Russian military assault on the Chechen capital, Grozny.

The critics wanted the government here to condemn Moscow for allegedly violating a code of conduct President Boris N. Yeltsin had just agreed to at

Korzhakov intended to issue a

warning to Mr. Gusinsky to

stop nurturing the presidential

ambitions of his friend, the

the last meeting of the group in Budapest, early last month.

pating governments to avoid harm to civilians and their property in internal security op-

exceeded what was proportionate," the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said Tues-day, referring to the Russian offensive. "Naturally we back Yeltsin, but that does not alter the fact that we tell our partners clearly how we see things."

Mr. Kinkel said that he had do in Chechnya.

The whole episode is a tragedy and it cannot be solved from abroad," Mr. Kinkel said, saying that he was against getting the UN Security Council

Some diplomats said they believed that the Russians had probably also violated the terms of the 1990 and 1992 trea-

The Clinton administration signaled unwavering support Tuesday for Mr. Yeltsin's aims, but not his tactics, in dealing with the rebellion in Chechnya. The Associated Press reported

The State Department urged

In the letter, the group, orga-

taxes is not one of them.

ly with a measure to reconsid-

er federal regulations imposed

on local governments that do

not give those governments the

money to pay for them. This "unfunded mandates" bill has

been given the important sym-

bolic designation of Senate Bill

We're looking for funda-

mental changes in government.

Domenici, the New Mexico Re-

publican who is the incoming

chairman of the Budget Com-

The code pledges all particierations. Hundreds of civilians have been killed and their homes destroyed by Russian air attacks and tank and artillery fire in and around Grozny during the past few weeks, accord-

ing to reports from the field. There is no doubt that they

urged Russia's foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, to invite in experts from the security orga-nization, formerly known as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in a telephone conversation last week. But he noted that in any case the organization could do only what the Russians allowed it to

■ U.S. Backs Aims

from Washington.

restraint on Mr. Yeltsin, with ts spokesman, Michael McCurry, saying "this is clearly a difficult domestic matter for the Russian government."

But even the United States, with a long history as a democracy, "includes an episode in our own history of our country where we dealt with a secessionist movement through armed conflict," Mr. McCurry added.

Dozens of Plans But Little Reform As UN Nears 50

Washington Past Service UNITED NATIONS. New York - One of the few things the world seems to agree on these days is that the United Nations is past due for a general overhaul. Leaders around the globe have advocated a daunting reform agenda that calls for streamlining the bureaucracy and for modernizing the

UN legislative bodies, the Security Council and the General Assembly. As it approaches its 50th birthday this year, the United Nations has been bornbarded with studies pointing the way to change. In one especially ambitious blue-print, two UN veterans, Brian Urquhart and Erskine Childers, even recommended taking the United Nations out of New York City to unify the whole spreading system in one headquarters

elsewhere. But so far efforts to revise the way the United Nations is governed have produced mostly discouraging results and revealed the immense difficulties of getting 184 nations to agree on changes that reconfigure the distribution of power among

The General Assembly concluded this fall that the 15-member Security Council must grow in order to be more representative of the modern world. The last time the council's membership was increased was at the height of the Cold War, in 1965. Washington has proposed to recognize the economic clout of Japan and Germany by adding them to

the current five permanent members: the United States, Britain, China, France and

Russia. But the current permanent members all have veto power, and both Japan and Germany insist on vetoes

Many countries balk at giving any more nations veto power, since it was the veto duel between the United States and the Soviet Union that practically immobilized the United Nations for

There is wide agreement that the developing world needs to have more of a voice on the Security Council, but there is scant agreement about how to do it. The United States, fearing that too large a membership will make the council unwieldy, favors creating three new nonpermanent seats, to rotate among regional powers in Asia, Africa and Latin America. But how to choose

those powers? Pakistan gets chills at the idea of bostile neighbor india ascending to higher in-ternational rank. Nigeria is seen as representing sub-Saharan Africa, but its military government is hobbled by domestic political conflict. The Latin American leader Brazil does not want to be anything less than a permanent member.

Many diplomats hoped the new council would be ready for unveiling during the 1995 golden anniversary celebrations. But at the current pace the debate could drag on for years.

- JULIA PRESTON

RUSSIA: Desperate Troops

Continued from Page 1 initial assaults - using surroto the rule of the Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev --- were

repeatedly rebuffed. Russians first pounded the city with bombs, killing many harshest critics say he seems decivilians and inspiring thou-voted to the president. Mr. sands of Chechens to support Yeltsin has described Mr. Korz-Mr. Dudayev, who had never hakov as the most loyal friend been especially popular. hakov as the most loyal friend in his life. When Mr. Yeltsin

itable — the storming of their capital. When it finally came on New Year's Eve, it was the worst possible type of assault: Relatively inexperienced Russian troops in light armored vehicles normally reserved for transport were slaughtered by Chechens with grenade launchers and heavy anti-tank guns.

Having failed in its first attempt to take the city by storm. Russian generals have few options open to them: They can continue the bombing that has already turned the city of 400,000 people into a rubblestrewn ghost town, or they can attack with far greater force.

Grozny is a broad, industrial. gently hilly town with well-defined borders but huge apartment buildings that have now become fair game for bombers, snipers and any troops that can take over. The war for the city cannot be mapped or planned, because it is a gun battle that ebbs and flows rather than an

assault from organized lines. But much of this has happened before. In the 19th centuv. the czar's armies attacked the Chechens for 40 years. They could never take Grozny, they could not defeat the rebels in the hills around the city either. so they finally decided to do what the Russian troops are doing now: They destroyed the villages surrounding the city. They razed the cropland and killed cattle. And in the end the weary Chechens had nothing else to do but give up.

That may not happen this time, though, "Our slogan is freedom or death," said a soldier, "Now we are showing the world what that means. And then we will be free. If there is one Chechen left in the world then he will be free."

KREMLIN: Some Fear Yeltsin Is Under Influence of His Own 'Rasputin'

Yet even Mr. Korzhakov's been especially popular.

For weeks, Chechens awaited was dismissed from the Politboro in 1988 and went into political exile, Mr. Korzhakov lost his KGB job and volunteered to stay on with Mr. Yeltsin with-

> out pay. To this day, he never leaves my side, and we even sit up at night during trips together,"
> Mr. Yeltsin wrote in his recentpublished autobiography. While outwardly he seems very simple, behind this simplicity is a sharp mind and an excellent and clear head."

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dependency recalling the rolereversal of master and valet in the Joseph Losey film "The Sergates and mercenaries opposed vant." As Mr. Voshchanov put it, "Korzhakov serves the president, but he has enough information to ruin him.

security service for top party

A Chechen fighter in the Presidential Palace searching the sky Tuesday for Russian warplanes.

The Moscow native fulfilled his military service in the Kremlin regiment of the Russian Army and, in 1970, joined the

officials. He served some time kov's security service was disin Afghanistan, and also earned played in a recent clash with rank of general in 1992.

was injured in a car accident in

a law degree by correspon-Vladimir Gusinsky, a Russian dence. He was promoted to the business leader who has been Mr. Yeltsin said that after he Yeltsin's leadership.

that of a protective service chief.'

increasingly critical of Mr.

On Dec. 2, a presidential se-'I can't say exactly what Mr. Korzbakov's

1990, Mr. Korzhakov "ripped off the jammed door with his bare hands." Mr. Yeltsin also credited Mr. Korzhakov with devising the plan to storm the Parliament building in Moscow during the armed insurrection against Mr. Yeltsin's government in October 1993.

Soon after that debacle, Mr. Korzhakov's presidential security unit, once subordinate to federal security service, was made independent. Now Mr. Korzhakov is said to lead a force of more than 4,000 men three times the number of security officers ever assigned to the 9th department of the KGB, the nation's Communist leaders.

curity team, armed and wearing black ski masks, raided Mr. Gusinsky's headquarters at Most bank. The president's men got in a brawl with Mr. Gusinsky's head of Mr. Gusinsky's security force — that man, a former KGB officer, was once Mr. Korzhakov's boss.

A full explanation has yet to said the troops had been ordered to search the bank's headquarters for evidence of corruption between Most bank and mayor of Moscow, Yuri Lushkov. The Russian press, nation's Communist leaders.

Some of which is owned by Mr. become greater than just that of The power of Mr. KorzhaGusinsky, speculated that Mr. a protective service chief."

Mr. Korzhakov has considerable might, but his greatest as-set may be his command of top secret information. Yevgenia Albats, an investigative reporter who has just published a marole is now, but it has become greater than just

ior book on the KGB, said that that flows in and out of Mr. Yeltsin's office - and can monitor even his most private phone conversations. 'He brokers what information gets to Yeltsin, and when," she said. Like others, she bebodyguards and beat up the lieves that as Mr. Yeltsin's

on his closest companion for advice. "It's simple." Miss Albats emerge. Mr. Korzhakov's office said. "He is the one who spends every day and every night with the president."

health has worsened, he has

grown increasingly dependent

I can't say exactly what Mr. Korzhakov's role is now," said Georgi A. Satarov. a senior presidential adviser, "but it has

UN: A Slow-Motion Bureaucracy

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can taxpayers billions of dollars." The United States, which pays one-quarter of the regular budget of the United Nations and about 31 percent of its peacekeeping costs, contributed about \$2 billion to UN programs worldwide last year. ith Americans becoming more concerned about how their tax dollars are spent, time is short for UN reform to produce results.

Reform has been hampered by a lack of consistent support from Mr. Butros Ghali. The ties limiting the size of armed forces in all the countries belonging to the NATO alliance in part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse World second term so he would be free waterhouse World second term so he would be free waterhouse world so the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world so the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world so the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse world not be provided by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse when the part by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse when the part by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he would be free waterhouse when the part by the part by pledging not to seek a second term so he waterhouse waterhouse waterhouse water by the part by way the United Nations is run. He moved quickly to eliminate one-third of the high-level posts and consolidate overlapping offices. But then he became dis-

"I don't think managerial is-sues are his favorite issues." said the U.S. ambassador, Madeleine K. Albright. "He had some very good ideas at the beginning but he got bogged

Mr. Butros Ghali's measures generated suspicion among many Third World nations, which feared that traditional development programs designed to serve poor countries

— and in which many Third

World nationals hold jobs would be downgraded. So Mr. Butros Ghali reversed course and re-established three highlevel economic development posts with their attendant hier- the work they actually do." archies. Last summer, he declared that he might seek reelection after all.

nized by Representative David E. Skaggs, Democrat of Coloralonger convinced that trimming do, notes that the constitution is what the United Nations tion, "Everybody's scratching makes seven specific exceptions needs. "The problem is not to streamline," he said at a news especially disheartening here is for requiring more than a majority vote and that increasing conference last year. "The problem is to add new person-After swearing-in formalities on Wednesday, the Senate will nel because of the new demands. We are overloaded with down to business the next

Mr. Butros Ghali's energies have also been consumed in pleading and panhandling to cope with a financial crisis caused by the failure of most governments, including the United States, to pay their UN bills on time. At the end of November, the United Nations was owed \$2 billion by its members, a cash shortfall that nearly paralyzed the organization.

not just cutting around the edges," said Senator Pete V. Childers and Brian Urquhart,

and spends about \$10.5 billion

a year.
"You have many terrific peopie who are overworked, and a lot of total incompetents whom no one ever got rid of because there was no procedure for get-ting rid of them," said Ronald I. Spiers, a former U.S. ambassador who served as UN undersecretary-general for political affairs from 1989 to 1992.

The United Nations continues to attract hardworking idealists and missionaries for the cause of peace. But "the most difficult area is in shifting re-UN administration. Many job descriptions are written not by UN managers, but in horse trading among government delegates to the General Assembly.

Efforts to transfer or lay off staff are routinely defeated by appeals that, by UN procedures, require mountainous documents that in turn account for much useless clerical work.

Despite five separate projects in the past 17 years to create an effective system to evaluate employees, the UN secretariat still has none. The current system provides only the illusion of performance evaluation," according to a July report by the Joint Inspection Unit, an inter-

nal auditing body. The report found that UN staffers across the board were receiving steady promotions and pay raises "unaffected by

"A management culture does not exist at the United Nations," said an American offi-The secretary-general is no cial who served last year in a senior UN administrative posiespecially disheartening here is that this seeps down much below the normal political level."

A new evaluation system will go into effect soon, and the organization is trying to recruit through impartial examina-

We are concerned about the degree to which member states seem to continue to regard the United Nations as a resting place for cast-off politicians," said Douglas Bennet, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for international organization af-

There have been some ad-According to a study by two vances. The secretariat's staff of former UN officials, Erskine 14,000 has been whittled down by more than 12 percent since the UN system employs more 1987, and many salaries have than 51,000 people worldwide been frozen since 1989.

CONGRESS: Republican 'Revolution' to Start With a Marathon Session on New House Rules

With America," the 10-point

Republican manifesto.
The first 100 days could well alter the social fabric of America, as the lawmakers debate measures to cut welfare. strengthen the punishment of criminals, require a balanced federal budget, reduce taxes. limit the terms of members and bar even legal immigrants from scores of federal programs.

"It's really a unique mo-ment," said Stuart Stevens, a

longtime Republican media

consultant. "Never before has a

party been so dramatically articulate about what it wanted to To keep the House focused on the contract, Mr. Gingrich has vowed that the document will be read on the House floor

every morning before the start of business. The first provision of the contract calls for a balanced-

This prestigious conference will assess the

new developments in France following the

Presidential elections and will feature key

members of the new government in addition

to major industrialists and linance and

government leaders from around the world.

the president a line-item veto. The House Judiciary Committee intends to hold hearings on the balanced-budget amendment immediately, with floor action expected on Jan. 19.

Most of the contract is not likely to be challenged by congressional Democrats, who are aware of the popularity of its The House is to convene at

noon Wednesday for the swearing in of its members, including newcomers. 73 of whom are Republicans. Mr. Gingrich, who was to be feted Tuesday in a daylong whirl of events akin to a presidential inaugural celebration, has said he wants the opening day to be the longest in louse history.

House members can expect to work 20 hours a day, seven days a week, if necessary, in order to vote on the contract by

carly April. Activity on the Senate side will remain more deliberate.

Herald Eribune

"We are not going to be able to move as quickly, by virtue of the rules," said Senator Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican ily and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

House members will also move to trim committee staffs who will become the new majority leader.

Demurring at suggestions that Mr. Gingrich might have promised more than the Senate could, or even wanted, to deliver, Mr. Dole said, "We have to sort of feel our way for a while to see how it works."

The important thing, he said.

is to do the things we said we

would do." In the House, the first item of business scheduled for Wednesday is a measure to require members to comply with a dozen laws they impose on every-one else. That means, for example, the House would no longer be exempt from laws that pro-

hibit unfair labor practices, ra-

cial discrimination and dis-

crimination against those with

disabilities, as well as the Fam-

move to trim committee staffs by one-third, reduce the number of committees and subcommittees and limit the terms of committee chairmen to six years and the term of the speaker to eight years. They also will prohibit committee chairmen from voting for absent mem-bers, which has been a powerful tool used by chairmen in the

past to steer votes their way. House Republicans also hope to adopt a rule requiring a three-fifths' majority before any increase in income tax rates could be passed, a measure guaranteed to rouse the Demo-

Shunted to the sidelines, 15 Democrats have already tried to stake out the high ground on this matter, telling Mr. Gingrich in a letter that he cannot circumvent the constitution by changing House rules.

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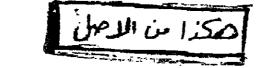
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Marek Halter

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

ARIS — Long before "Schindler's List" reached the screen, Marek Halter, a French writer descended from Polish Jews, became obsessed with the idea of demonstrating that even at the darkest moments of the Holo-caust, the Jews trapped in Nazi-run Eu-rope were not without friends.

I could never accept the notion that the whole world was against the Jews," he explained. "I could not accept philosophically that there was no good, no generosity, left in the world. To do so would mean living inside a moral or existentialist bunker, and that was too disagreeable."

So four years ago, he began his own search for "the righteous," as he puts it? gentiles who risked their lives to protect Jews during World War II. He wanted to pay tribute to their bravery. Above all, he wanted to ask, "Why did you save Jews?"

The result, a 160-minute documentary called "Tzedek: The Righteous." has just been released in France. Through the simple and often emotional testimonies of 36

men and women in 14 countries, Halter slowly builds his case: Good can survive even in the most evil of circumstances.

But he has already discovered that the premise of his film is controversial.

"After a special showing in Israel, some His evidence is the reasons these "righ-

His evolence is the leasons lines. "because it was the right thing to do": "because I would have been ashamed if I had not done so"; "because I am a Christian". "because the priest said we should," or "what would I have told my children?"

This is different from Otto Schindler." Halter said recently, referring to the central figure of Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List." "In my view, Schindler was a hero, but he was not a righteous. He fought evil with the methods of evil, a bit like in a western. But the behavior of the righteous is one that denies evil."

Halter's film — "tzedek" means "justice" or "charity" in Hebrew — is to be shown at the Berlin Film Festival in February, and has so far been sold to distributors in Italy, Canada and Britain.

Halter, who was born in Warsaw in 1936, had a personal interest in the question of "the righteous." His family escaped the Warsaw ghetto and fled to Russia in 1941 with the help of two Polish Catholics.

Jews said it was too early to talk about

good when the debate about evil was not yet exhausted," the burly and bearded Halter said in an interview. In France, because he included eight French people who saved Jews, he heard complaints that he was somehow trying to

rehabilitate the Vichy regime.

He said he wanted to show good as a reaffirmation of his belief in humanity. And he wanted the testimonies to act as a mirror that would lead filmgoers to question themselves.

Halter has long worked for human rights and justice in France and elsewhere. But the central theme of his books is memory: memory of his own family and of the Jewish people and also of the Holocaust. Although about 11,000 "righteous" are honored at the Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem, for the film Halter wanted the

asked, "Why did you save Jews?"

He and his wife, Clara, traced some 200 "saviors" and collected 40 hours of video-

spontaneity of those who had never been

tape and 1,000 pages of interviews. "After verifying their stories, we picked 42 people," Halter said, "But it was then that I me to my death." remembered the Talmudic tradition that each generation must produce 36 'righteous' for the world to continue."

In the film, which cost \$4 million to make and took one year to shoot and another year to edit, Halter is both narrator and interviewer. Appropriately, he starts in Warsaw with his childhood memories of the Nazi occupation in September 1939 and his family's eventual flight.

Immediately, he moves to Sarajevo, as if to underline the topicality of his subject. There he met Zaneiba Hardaga, 74, a Muslim woman who helped save two Jewish families and whose father was executed by the Nazis for hiding another Jewish family. Asked if she was ever afraid, she replied: "Humanity does not know fear."

RENA Sendier, a social worker in Warsaw before the war, organized a network that saved some 2,500 Jewish children. She was arrested and condemned to death but was rescued by Résistance fighters. Today she claims no

In France, Halter found farmers, priests and even two survivors of a group of seven and even two survivors of a group of seven policemen in Nancy who variously hid lews, helped them escape to Switzerland or warned them of roundups. "This doesn't make Vichy look good," the writer said. "The police in Nancy show that the rest of the French police had no excuse for help-

ing the Nazis." He noted that if 450,000 to 500,000 Jews survived World War II in German-occupied Europe, including 280,000 in France, "it was because in one way or other they were protected by someone." Yet it is to the motivation of the protectors that he

the motivation of the protectors that he constantly returns.

At the age of 27, named by the Nazis to run an oil company in Poland, Berthold Beitz hired 800 Jews who survived the war. Beitz, who is now 81 and vice president of the Krupp Foundation, set up by the German industrial conglomerate to benefit the resid be did it "for humanity." And he arts, said he did it "for humanity." And he added softly, "As I look back, I can now say that I did something in my life."

Taking Black Psychology Into Movie Mainstream

Filmmaker Tries Appeal to a Wider Audience

By Michael Sragow

OS ANGELES -"Faulkner put race on the table." Charles Burnett says, "and he was aware of the black psychology. The right to exist, how to exist, the power to endure were always part of his theme."

Burnett, a 49-year-old moviemaker who grew up in the Watts section of Los Angeles, has Mississippi roots and an expansive cultural perspective. As Carl Lumbly, who co-starred in Burnett's bestknown feature, the 1990 film "To Sleep With Anger," puts it: "Too often a director's reference points are films or television: 'Give me Ralph Kramden.' Charles can take you to a particular moment in 'For Whom the Bell Tolls.'"

Because Burnett has made so few pictures, each new one is definitely an occasion for supporters of black independent film. Miramax will release his fourth, "The Glass Shield," lat-

The movie stars Michael Boatman as a black rookie and Lori Petty as a Jewish deputy who run up against racism and anti-Semitism as they expose police wrongdoing in Los Angeles.

the cheap; nevertheless, it tries to blend realism and splashy stylization. It marks a transition for the director. After two decades of making art films. Burnett is trying to appeal to a wider au-

dience. "The Glass Shield" follows a trail of corruption to government ranks while exploring the idea that blacks lead double lives. Burnett was drawn to the plight of the black police officer because he - like Frederick Douglass (a possible future film subject) and Joe Christ-

mas in Faulkner's "Light in same time.

Faulkner, says Burnett, understood how people with a foot in each world are forced to adjust, "how it affects their speech when they're in one or the other.

What bothers Burnett is that black film directors have not been able to further the aesthetic frontiers that were pioneered by black writers in the 1920s

"We're 60 years behind the Harlem Renaissance," he says. We're not even dealing with those issues of the language and psychology of a black person.

Burnett notes that while the members of the Harlem Renaissance were reacting against the tradition of "having to write from a white perspective about black people for a white audi-ence," black filmmakers today are still bemmed in by the dictates of a white industry.

"Why do blacks make so many violent films?" he asks.

Because that's the kind that sells. You can't talk about integrating black folklore and oral traditions and jazz when you're in a pitch meeting."

Burnett has found a certain freedom outside the mainstream. He has no desire to IKE all of Burnett's grandstand. He does not want movies. "The Glass Shield" was done on anti-Spike.

"I want to be able to walk down the street and observe people without people observing me. he says. In three films made on the

frayed end of a shoestring, Burnett has explored untapped areas of black life. "Killer of Sheep" (completed in 1974) is a poetic evocation of workingclass life in and around the Watts area of South-Central Los Angeles, In 1990, Burnett's no-budget film became one of the first 50 movies listed by the Library of Congress in the Na-

Working again with amateur August" — exists "in a white or fledgling actors, he wrote world and a black world at the and directed "My Brother's Wedding" (1983), a comedy-drama about a young man torn between the self-destructive street life and the sometimesphony upward mobility within black communities in Los Aneles. Burnett won a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in 1988, giving him \$275,000 over

> VEN with the prestige of a "genius" grant, it wasn't easy for Burnett to launch "To Sleep With Anger," a blend of Southern black folklore and contemporary family drama set on the fringes of South-Central Los Angeles. Vincent Canby, writing in The New York Times, praised the movie as a very entertaining, complex film, a comedy of unusual sub-

Despite an acclaimed performance by Danny Glover and rapturous responses at festivals, the film didn't win theatrical crowds. But a Burnett cult still

Burnett was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi; his family moved to California when he was 3. He sees the Watts of the 1950s as a semirural extension of Dixie: "We would ride our bikes out to the swamps, places like Devil's Dip, nothing but hilly areas, or where oil wells

Los Angeles Community College, where he learned about student draft deferments and majored in electronics. There he took the most important course in his life, creative writing.

He discovered Camus and library. He also frequented the movies, where he went for reand "A Man for All "Becket"

"I didn't know what to do with this passion," he said. "I pect." he says. "The whole thing brink of failure.



The director Charles Burnett, center, on the set of his film, "The Glass Shield."

word.

So he applied to the Univer- ulty, everybody else would sity of California, Los Angeles, jump on you, too." and eventually received both a Faulkner and began to work at bachelor's degree and a Master the main branch of the public of Fine Arts. The reigning

After high school he went to didn't know what to call it. I was experimentation, personal didn't know what cinematogra- vision." And ferocious competiphy was. But I thought: 'Cine-tion. At student screenings, the matography. That's a nice atmosphere was volatile. "The kids were vicious. Teachers, fac-

"Killer of Sheep," his MFA thesis project, zeros in on a hero mode on campus in the late who works in a slaughterhouse, '60s and early '70s was creative He can't count sheep to fall sounding moral dramas like anarchy, with arguments in the asleep; that would remind him screening rooms and the class- of his misery. He dreams that he's getting somewhere, though "Slick Hollywood was sus- his family life teeters on the

Burnett showed his new film out of competition at the several scenes. Digenio, who Cannes International Film Festival last year. Todd McCarthy, a Variety critic, wrote:

"Although writer-director Charles Burnett throws more weighty social and political issues on the table that he can 1993, carning an Oscar for Tom difficult, try talking to someone possibly dramatize coherently Hanks and \$125 million at the you care for about how they Glass Shield' emerges as a was released on video. But audipowerful moral dra- ences may have forgotten about ma. . . . At moments one can the men in the film with AIDS. see the seed of a modern 'Chinatown' here."

By Clifford Rothman EW YORK - One

And the Reality

'Philadelphia'

year ago, in the film "Philadelphia," Tom Hanks portrayed the gay lawyer Andrew Beckett who, at the beginning of the film, was seen at an AIDS clinic for an outpatient visit.

As the IV drips, Andrew

looks impassively around the room. Then the camera pans the faces: a once-handsome man, now gaunt, jokes about how an obtuse waitress offered him Sweet 'n' Low. "Do I look like I need an artificial sweetener, honey?" he says to the man sitting next to him.

Farther down the row, another man sits quietly. He is a gen-tle, sandy-haired fellow of about 30, his face littered with lesions. Both the gaunt man, the New York actor Daniel Chapman, and the sandy-haired fellow, a novice actor, Mark Sorensen, are now dead. They are among the 43 of the 53 people with AIDS or those who were HIV positive in "Philadelphia" who

are now dead. The group also included Ron league (the lone voice of compassion within the white-shoe to catch HIV," said Gary Bailey, group that performs at An-

drew's costume party. And it included Lou Digenio. who appeared as an extra in want to be invisible in the courtroom scenes. So he dved his hair henna red, to avoid getting lost in the crowd.

"Philadelphia" became one of the most successful films of less than two hours, 'The box office worldwide before it Most of them had volunteered to populate the clinic.

many played AIDS activists. AIDS Philadelphia for help in casting people with AIDS. "I tried to cast interesting people, said Bruce Flannery, who rep resents the organization. "But it wasn't very complex. In some cases, they needed people who were sick looking — in hospital scenes, for instance, where someone really robust would not have been right.

By contrast, he said, "to participate in the courtroom scenes you had to be able to make the commitment to be available for a whole month, and be strong enough to withstand the gruel-ing schedule, including long days of shooting."

Jonathan Demme, the director, made a conscious decision to use as many people directly affected by the virus as possible. But the use of AIDS patients led to occasional tensions.

NE incident involved David Bertugli, an extra who had AIDS. up one day after filming and noticed that the extra standing next to him was scrubbing his Vawter, the gay actor who own hands with alcohol. "You played Andrew's straight col-never know," said the man.

"He was alraid he was going law firm), and Michael Cailen, who lives with Bertugli and was one of the singers in the Flirta- also an extra in the film. Two shot, Bertugli's T-cell count has dropped, along with his weight.

Bailey reported that his family recently came to visit. "They were here to plan my funeral, he said. "Of all the conversations I've had with my parents. this one was the hardest. My father, who is politically a little to the right of Attila the Hun, cried like a baby. If anyone thinks that talking about sex is want to be buried."

Clifford Rothman who has written about the arts for The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post, wrote this for The

French Film Dubbers End Strike, Set Talks

Agence France-Presse ARIS - More than 400 artists who dub foreignlanguage films and television series into French end-ed a strike of more than 10 weeks Tuesday after a promise of talks on their demands for royalties. The strike had left television companies without American cartoons, soan operas and crime series, disrupted cinema releases and deprived technical and other staff of distribution

companies of work. The dubbing actors were demanding recognition of their status as creative artists, and especially the payment of royalties for repeats of their films on television or sales on video-cassettes.

A mediator was appointed after a judge ruled their demands legitimate and Culture Minister Jacques Toubon last month publicly backed the strikers. Talks between the two sides are set to begin Thursday.

The strike meant that one film, "The Band Played On," recounting the arrival of AIDS in the United States, could be given only limited release in English with subtitles because it was dubbed into French in Canada.

'A Tale of 2 Cities': For Dickens, the Best of Times

By Sheridan Morley nanonal Herald Tribuni

ONDON - It has been the Dickens of a winter thus far: 'Martin Chuzzlewit" heading the television ratings, "A Christmas Carol" at the Barbican, "Oliver!" at the Palladium and now at the Greenwich, "A Tale of Two Cities" in a splendid staging by Matthew

The Greenwich has a tradition of rousing good tales for the holiday season. Last year, it was "The Prison-er of Zenda," and once again Francis has done a resourceful adaptation for a small cast on a budget.

True, this one is very slow-starting. death long before he gets to it, and It is also oddly similar to "Zenda" Eleanor Tremain is a suitably vapid (and indeed, "The Devil's Disciple." Lucie Manette.

gard for his own mortality that we come to love the stand-in rather than the man he rescues.

first half ends, when Francis assembles his company on a two-tier set showing us the tranquil London family while above them peasants march on the Bastille, thus preparing for a nail-biting second half of rescue and revenge and retribution leading up to the guillotine and the far. far better thing that Sydney Carton does. Timothy Walker splendidly suggests a man in love with idea of his own

recently back at the National) in its But what Francis does best as plot about a cynic standing in for an adapter-director, here as in "Zenda," what Chichester often does best is 1775. apparent hero with such stylish disre- is to suggest the full sweep of histori- big old stars in big old shows: Here the villainous Defarges. There is a great moment just as the

But the real star is Dickens, whose sure sense of cliff-hanging scenes and

LONDON THEATER

character carries an unashamedly old-fashioned evening through to its implausibly happy conclusion: It was the best of times.

As Chichester goes into a new year with a new directorial team (Duncan Weldon and Derek Jacobi replacing Patrick Garland), that theater sends to the Albery in London a touring hearsals) in which he describes in about in the name of contemporary production of Sheridan's "The Riconsiderable economic and social derelevance.

cal narrative thrillers. Bernard Lloyd Richard Johnson and Patricia Routis the ever-faithful Jarvis. while ledge lead an otherwise rather nonde-Heather Tobias and Ian Mitchell are script cast through a production by some stately galleon while she search-Richard Cottrell that might happily have been found at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, at any time between elder Absolute, but Adam Godley is

At a time when every other stage in fact done by costumes and sets. London is full of directors "making ways to the advantage of the classics, that any more. Cottrell retains a magnificent anonymity, confining himself merely to a ity of diction, and a belief that a play detailed historical program note (also released to the company during re- 200 years doesn't need to be messed considerable economic and social de- relevance.

The role here is of course Mrs. Malaprop, and Routledge plays her at full tilt, billowing across the stage like es out vet another way to mangle the English tongue.

an intriguing off-center Faulkland This is not necessarily a bad thing. and most of the rest of the acting is in

This is a "Rivals" for those who their marks" on the classics, not al- thought they didn't make them like

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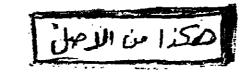
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Maurice Saatchi **Hits Back**

Ad Titan Makes A Stormy Exit

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - Maurice Saatchi rejected a demotion and broke completely with the advertising agency he co-founded 25 years ago, hitting back Tuesday at the institutional shareholders who ousted him as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Co.

In a blistering letter to the company's employees, Mr. Saat-chi said the shareholders had in effect taken control of the company, creating an atmosphere in which the term "advertising man" was used as an insult. He blamed the big investors for plunging the company into "un-certainty and instability."

A group of shareholders con-

trolling a 30 percent stake in the company, Mr. Saatchi said, dictated these orders to the board: "Take your chairman into a corner and shoot him quickly we don't want the fuss of a

public trial." Mr. Saatchi sent his message to the company's employees after formally turning down the board's request that he stay on as chairman of a subsidiary. He was forced out last month as chairman of the parent compa-

The shareholder revolt was which would have amounted to £5 million (\$7.85 million), if the company's share price doubled in the next three years. The stock, which peaked in 1987 at £54 a share, closed Tuesday at £1.46, down 3 pence, on the London Stock Exchange.

Institutional shareholders, led by David Herro of Harris Associates of Chicago, had pressed for Mr. Saatchi's removal. Mr. Saatchi has not disclosed

ported to be considering starting a new agency.

Looking at the Fine Print **Contract With America Spells Change**

By Diana B. Henriques New York Times Service

NEW YORK - From Madison Avenue image-makers to West Coast petrochemical producers, from mutual-fund operators in Boston to cigarette makers in Virginia and the Carolinas, American business has a lot riding on the new Republican leadership that will take control of Congress this year.

The Contract With America, the House

Republican statement of policy priorities drafted before the election that gave the party control of Congress for the first time in 40 years, sets out the early agends.

It calls for sweeping changes in the handling of business lawsuits, substantial tax

reductions for capital gains, incentives to spur investment by industry, new tax cuts for individuals who put aside savings and curbs on the federal regulatory burden.

But just as important as what Congress does, industry leaders and lobbyists caution. is what it leaves undone. Many are puzzling over how the fine print in the Republican's contract will affect them in real life. "Take 'tax-code reform,' " said Wally Sny-der, president of the American Advertising

vertising firms and professionals. Under that rubric, eliminating advertising from the roster of deductible business expenses "might be seen by some as a way to bring in more money," Mr. Snyder said. "That's why we're putting so much emphasis

Federation, an umbrella organization of ad-

on educating this new group of members of Congress. We're taking no chances." A host of industries are likely to be affected by the changes in Washington. These are among the highlights:

For Wall Street, said Marc Lackritz,

president of the Securities Industry Association, the industry's trade association, there are several areas worthy of attention.

All financial services companies, especially mutual-fund managers and marketers, stand to benefit if Congress widens the availability of individual retirement accounts and makes them more attractive. Securities firms would be big winners if Congress promotes business capital investment and rescinds rules requiring early disclosure of plant closings caused by takeovers or mergers.

Wall Street also sees a reduced capital gains tax as encouraging investment, and thus spurring commissions.

But other high-priority proposals affecting the financial markets are not so easy to call: The Glass-Steagall Act, which restricts certain securities activities by banks, is certain to undergo changes, but bankers and brokers are at odds over the most likely outcome. Similarly, several new congressional leaders support freer trade in financial services, but Wall Street is unsure what it would have to offer to foreigners in return for access to their mar-

• The banking industry, apart from the Glass-Steagall issue, will be looking to the new Congress to rein in the Justice Department's aggressive efforts to enforce the Community Reinvestment Act's fair-lending provisions, industry analysts said. The law is meant to direct commercial bank loans to poor neighborhoods.

• The insurance industry is paying attention to two big issues. Most important is the revision of the Superfund law, which determines liability for cleaning up industrial

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The shareholder revolt was nominally about Mr. Saatchi's latest proposed pay package,

By Tom Buerkle tional Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — A proposal to toughen European Union quotas on television programming. one of Europe's most controversial industrial-policy issues, continued to divide the European Commission on Tuesday, the eve of a crucial debate.

In a bid to unblock a twohis plans, but he is widely re- month-old deadlock on the proposal, the commissioner for culture. João de Deus Pinheiro.

channels up to seven years to meet the quotas and excluding future services, such as video on demand, from quotas, commission sources said.

But sources said Mr. Pinheiro was insisting on eliminating a phrase in existing law that requires broadcasters to show at least 51 percent European pro-gramming "where practicable." That caveat has allowed coun-

has softened some of its provi-sions by offering to give new law and permit channels like Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB and Ted Turner's TNT to beam predominately American programs

The proposal also would apply quotas only to fiction and documentary programs, an attack at stations that meet current quotas largely through talk shows and other cheap enter-

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U.S.-China Rift Upsets Market In Hong Kong

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Fears that a trade war between Beijing and Washington might be inevitable because of tense domestic politics in the two capitals helped drive Hong Kong stocks sharply lower Tuesday.

Past trade disputes between China and the United States have generally opened with maximum drama only to end, several deadlines and minor concessions later, with few ca-

sualties on either side. But business executives and analysts here said they feared the dispute over protection of intellectual property rights in China could end on a more damaging note. For that, they blamed the

timing of the dispute more than

the issues involved. "I don't think the issues are insurmountable," said John Kamm, a Hong Kong-based consultant on China business who also lobbies for human rights. "But a number of changes in the political climate will make it harder to resolve than previous disputes."

The benchmark Hang Seng Index fell 4.24 percent Tuesday, closing at 7,844.14, in its first day of trading in 1995 as investors assessed Washington's threat to impose punitive tariffs on \$2.8 billion of Chinese exports and Beijing's likely response — sanctions on U.S. goods and obstacles to American investment.

On the Shanghai exchange, stocks open to foreign invest-ment fell 1.4 percent Tuesday, as no signs emerged of an end to

Washington is preparing to penalize Chinese exports starting Feb. 4 over the pirating of American entertainment and computer software and other intellectual property that it estimates costs American compa-nies nearly \$1 billion in sales

In addition, Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said Sat-urday that the United States would judge China's applica-tion to join the World Trade Organization on the basis of its performance in protecting intellectual property rights and demanded an immediate crackdown on 29 compact-disk fac-

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Chemical Bank Takes Big Loss On Peso Trade

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche NEW YORK - Chemical Banking Corp. said Tuesday that unauthorized bets on the Mexican peso by one employee caused losses of \$70 million before taxes in the fourth quarter.

It said the transactions were undertaken by an employee in New York who took positions in the peso in violation of authorized risk limits and then concealed the positions.

Chemical said the losses, which will amount to \$40 million after taxes, were sustained when the value of the peso fell sharply in late December. The bank said the positions have since been brought within authorized risk limits and that while an investigation is under way, it did not expect any further impact on its bottom line. A spokesman said the losing

trades were simple bets on the future price of the peso and did not involve derivative contracts that would have multiplied

Chemical expects to release fourth-quarter results on Jan. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

MEDIA MARKETS

China Keeps a Lid on Foreign Media

By Laura Dodge
Bloomberg Business News
ONG KONG — Since the Chinese government hinted two years ago that it would begin allowing foreign publications into the country on a joint-ven-ture basis, foreign media have been hun-grily eyeing China's vast market, and sometimes even cutting deals.

But recent events have dashed their hopes. China has begun clamping down on the incipient expansion of foreign

Amid a deluge of applications to pub-lish and set up media joint ventures. China appears to be backing away from its policy on opening its media markets. Most recently, the Guangdong News and Publications Administration ordered "Modern Mankind," a daily in Guangzhou, to cease publication. "Modern Mankind" is partly owned by CIM Co. the Hong Kong-based company that also controls Ming Pao Enterprise Corp.,

the newspaper concern.

Chen Yingming, an official at the foreign cooperation department of the State Press and Publications Bureau, said foreign publishers were only allowed to enter the Chinese market in joint ventures with Chinese publishing houses.

He said the few magazine publishing joint ventures that have been set up in China had required special approval from his bureau.

until now joint ventures in this area have

is allowed then a new regulation will be issued. There needs to be a process." He said he was not familiar with the Hong Kong publishing ventures and the official concerned was out on business. Walt Disney Co.'s joint-venture maga-

zine "Mickey Mouse," set up with the publishing house of China's postal service, was approved in 1993 after three

We will publish mainly business-economic news. It's already understood you can't print the news freely.'

Sally Aw Sian, chairman of Sing

years of talks. A executive involved with the venture said characters like Donald Duck's Uncle Scrooge, who bathes in gold coins, were censored out to avoid offending socialist sensibilities.

According to media sources in Hong Kong the deluge of applications for joint-venture and independent media publications in China has caused the central government to reconsider its policy on allowing media to expand in China.

"It's always going to be that way. You don't know what kind of approval it will take to break through," said Donald Keyser, a media analyst at Baring Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd. Newspapers are more sensitive, so not been allowed." Mr. Chen said. "If it

"Based on the amount of people publishing now, I'd say there have been a lot of hints and promises. But nobody's actually gotten anything up and running." Mr. Keyser said.

Several media companies have put their China expansion plans on hold, awaiting central and provincial government approval.

sing Tao Holdings, the publisher of the Chinese-language Sing Tao Daily and the English-language Hongkong Standard, had plans for a joint venture in Shenzhen to publish a daily newspaper, the Shengang Economic Times. The original agreement was signed in November inal agreement was signed in November 1993, but Chinese authorities have stalled the deal and Sing Tao is still waiting for approval.

"You have to go at China's speed," said Sally Aw Sian, chairman of Sing Tao "We were granted approval six months ago, but we have to rearrange the details of the joint venture in view of the change of the government's policy to-

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"We will publish mainly business-eco-nomic news. It's already understood you can't print the news freely."

She said she thought China's decision to delay Sing Tao's joint venture was a result of its unclear position on what hind of foreign publications to allow in

kind of foreign publications to allow in.

'Good luck to them," said David Armstrong, chief editor at the South China Morning Post. "With so many problems for circulation in China, I wonder about the value of a joint venture. It's less than an ideal solution."

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Dow Jones Averages

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Rate Jitters Sap 1995 Stock Debut

mixed on the first trading day of usinesses that are closely tied to swings in the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.04 points, to 3.838.48, as 14 of its 30 stocks

gained.
"We enter 1995 with a continued case of inflation and in-

U.S. Stocks

terest-rate jitters, and there's no indication that the Federal Reserve is going to ease off," said Alan Ackerman, market analyst at Reich & Co. "The higher the Fed raises rates, the weaker the market is likely to be."

Almost 12 stocks fell in price for every 11 that advanced on the New York Stock Exchange. where volume was 262.12 million shares, up from 256.3 million on Friday. The market was closed Monday for the New Year's holiday.

Government bond yields rose for a fourth day amid the concerns about inflation. The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose to 7.92 percent from 7.88 percent on Fri- Fund fell 11/4 to 111/2.

NEW YORK — Stocks were point to 95 7/32.

The Dow

The gain in the Dow industhe new year on Tuesday as rising interest rates burt shares of Sears, which climbed 1½ to 47½ amid optimism about its Christmas sales.

Kodak rose ½ to 48¼ after the film maker closed the \$1.55 billion sale of its household products unit to Britain's Reckitt & Colman and said it was in talks to sell as much as \$75 million worth of photocopiers

Woolworth rose % to 15% after Byron Wien, Morgan Stan-ley's director of U.S. portfolio strategy, named the retail chain one of four "surprise picks to do well" in 1995.

3Com dropped 1 15/16 to 49% after the computer networking company was low-ered to outperform from buy at Lehman Brothers.

Nordstrom slumped 114 to 40% after Merrill Lynch said December retail sales were likely to be weaker than expected

when released on Thursday. American depositary receipts issued by Mexican companies' slumped along with the peso. Telefonos de México fell 2% to 38% and the Emerging Mexico

Rate-Rise Expectations Send the Dollar Higher

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - The dollar pound fell to \$1.5630 from rose on Tuesday as inflationary signs in the United States cemented perceptions that the Federal Reserve Board would

The prices-paid component of international research at Merthe National Association of Pur-rill Lynch & Co. chasing Management's index for

raise interest rates at the end of

Foreign Exchange

December jumped to the highest level since March 1980, suggesting increasing inflation. The jump in that component of the report overshadowed a drop in the group's overall index, which indicated a slowdown in manufacturing activity.

The dollar rose to 1.5570 Deutsche marks from 1.5495 on Friday. The world's three major currency markets - New York. London and Tokyo - were

closed Monday. The dollar rose to 100.665 ven from 99.75 on Friday. The U.S. currency also advanced to 5.3670 French francs from 5.3370 on Friday and to 1.3148

Swiss francs from 1.3090. The

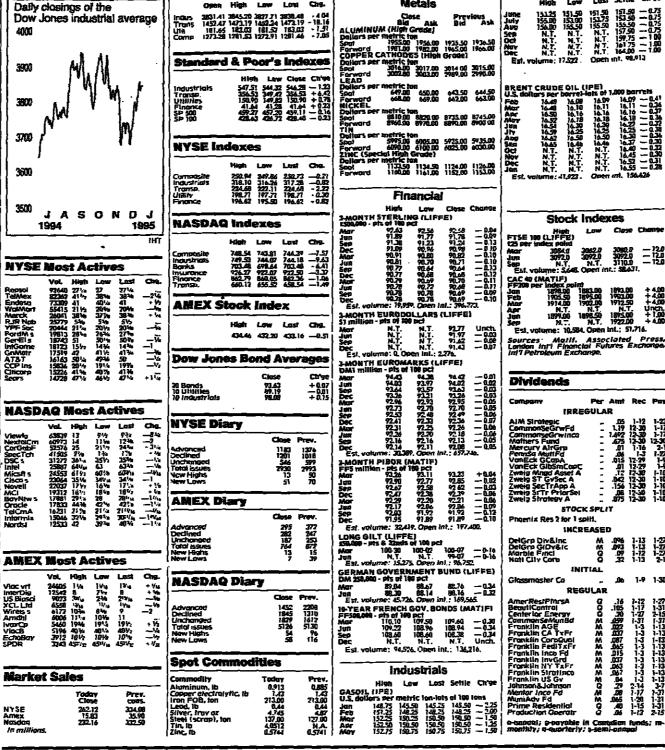
"inflationary pressures are going to be clearly on the rise in 1995, and I expect the Fed to be fairly aggressive." said Michael Rosenberg, vice president for

Another report pointing to a need for tighter credit came from a weekly private survey on U.S. chain store sales, which showed a 3.0 percent jump in the last week of December from November.

The Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee meets on Jan. 31, and many traders and analysts said they expected a rate rise to result from that

But the dollar's advance on that sentiment was checked by a drop in U.S. Treasury bond prices, which fell on the inflation signals. Bond prices are often seen as an indicator of foreign demand for dollardenominated assets, so lower bond prices tend to weigh down the dollar.

Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)



${f V}$: European Debate on Restricting Programming Goes Down to the Wire

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tainment while buying lots of American films and dramas.

The proposal is political dynamite, pitting France and its desire to protect and promote its entertainment culture against Germany and Britain. which are ideologically opposed to quotas and see them as an ineffective way of enabling Europe's programming industry to compete with Hollywood.

France, which has just taken

ure to do so could delay the ers need to become competitive. plan for months while the commission passes from the leadership of Jacques Delors, a strong position on the issue.

led by the commissioner for in-dustry, Martin Bangemann, at ensuring that Europe, Ameri-Austria, Sweden and Finland.

investment information

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over the EU presidency for six who has said that making quo- ca and Japan remain open to months, is pushing hard for the tas mandatory would frighten each other, aides said. commission to proceed with the away the investment Europe's proposal on Wednesday. Fail- TV programmers and filmmak-

Mr. Bangemann also fears that a change in rules could spoil backer of quotas, to Jacques a planned discussion of the glob-Santer, who has yet to define his al information superhighway by the Group of Seven industrial Opposition to the proposal is countries, set for next month

While American programmers have long opposed the proposal, European companies have joined the battle in recent weeks.

Commission sources said Tuesday that the proposal appeared to have the backing of eight commissioners, with six opposed and six undecided. A key unknown was the stance of

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Judge Refuses to Block Virgin Suit

NEW YORK (AP)—A U.S. judge revealed Tuesday she refused to block a suit by Virgin Atlantic Airways that claims British Airways monopolizes routes between Britain and the United States.
U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum rejected British Airways's argument that does not belong in U.S. courts. She said it was right to try the case in the United States in part because the lawsuit claims violation of U.S. laws.

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Virgin has been battling British Airways in the courts for years. A year ago, BA paid \$4 million to settle Virgin's claims that the company did sloppy or slow maintenance work on its aircraft.

U.S. Factories Post Slower Growth

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - American manufacturing grew less strongly in December than in the previous month, indicating that general economic expansion is slowing, according to a widely followed survey of manufacturers released Tuesday

Price data from the same organization indicated that inflationary pressures may be increasing.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of manufacturing growth fell to 57.8 percent in December from 61.2 percent in November. An index reading above 50

percent indicates an expansion of activity at U.S. factories.

The association's price index, considered by some a gauge of inflation, rose to 83 percent in December, its highest level since March 1980, from 77.9 percent in November. (AP, Bloomberg)

Tandy Corp. to Close 213 Stores

DALLAS (AP) — Tandy Corp. said Tuesday it would close 213
Video Concepts and McDuff stores as it continues a two-year process to sharpen its focus on the Radio Shack, Computer City and Incredible Universe chains.

Between 1,000 and 1,400 workers will lose their jobs. The

company will take an \$86 million charge against earnings for costs related to the closings.

Kerkorian Raises Chrysler Stake

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (AP) — Kirk Kerkorian, Chrysler Corp.'s largest shareholder, has bought 4 million new shares, increasing his stake to 10.16 percent, a spokesman for Mr. Kerkorian said Tuesday.

He increased his Chrysler stock holding to 36 million shares from 32 million. He bought the additional stock from Dec. 19 to Dec. 30, paying between \$184 million and \$200 million. In midafternoon trading, Chrysler stock rose 50 cents, to \$49.50, valuing Mr. Kerkorian's total stake at \$1.78 billion.

Mr. Kerkorian said in November that Chrysler's shares were undervalued and demanded that the company raise its dividend. He also owns 76 percent of MGM Grand Inc., which operates the 5,000-room MGM Grand Hotel and theme park in Las Vegas. • MGM Grand Inc. said it had sold its money-losing MGM Grand Air luxury airline to American International Inc., an air cargo company based in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The purchase price

First Union to Acquire Florida Bank

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (Bloomberg) - First Union Corp. said Tuesday it had agreed to buy Coral Gables Fedcorp Inc. for about \$531 million in cash.

(Knight-Ridder)

The acquisition, First Union's second in less than a month, will add 34 offices and \$2.5 billion in assets to First Union's branch network in southeast and central Florida.

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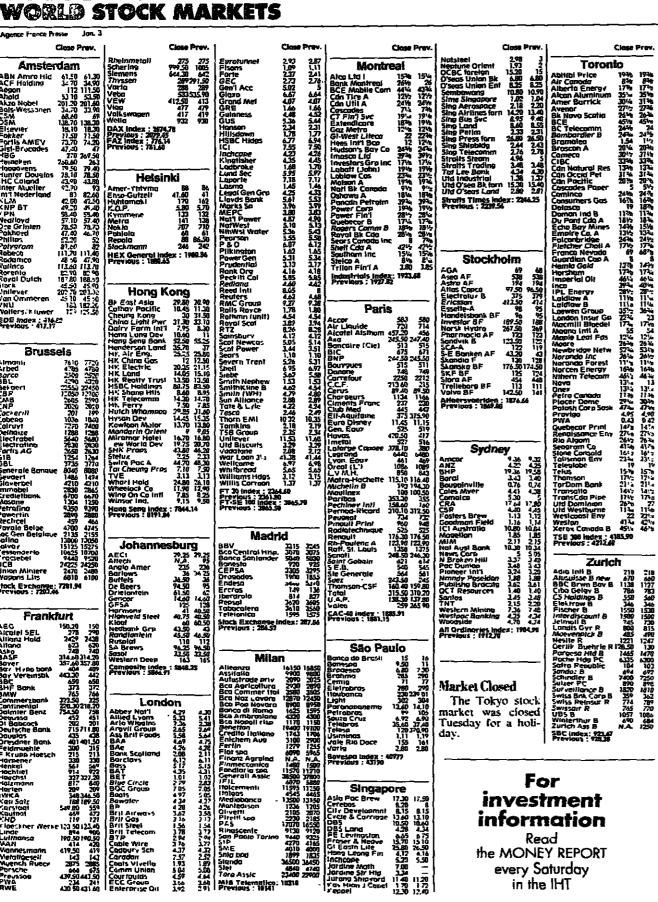
Scott Paper Co. said it agreed to sell its U.S. health-care business to its partner Molnlycke AB of Sweden for \$68 million. (Knight-Ridder)

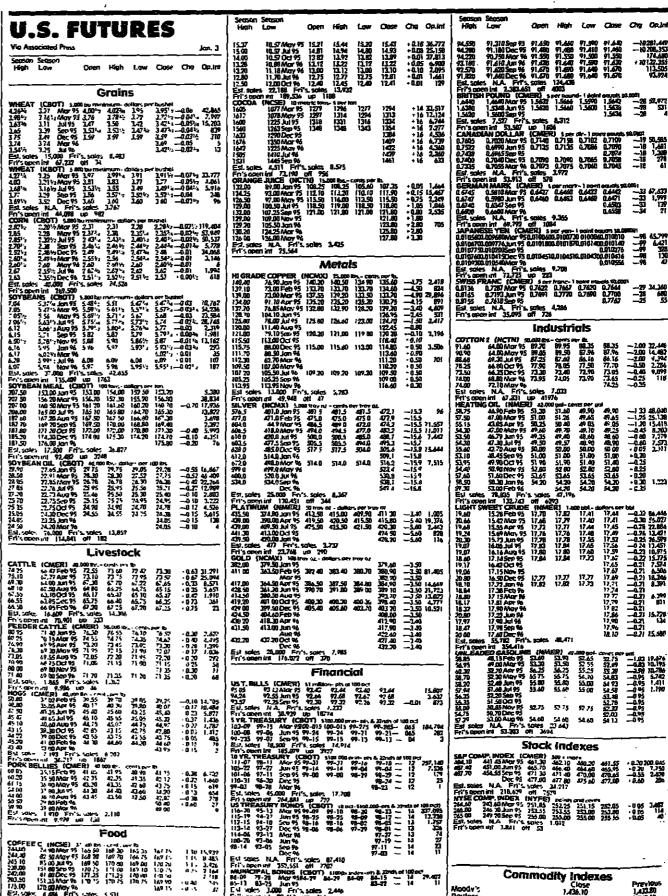
Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Dumb and Dumber" dominated the U. S. box office again with a gross of \$15.5 million over the weekend. Following are the top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticket

), "Dumb and Dumber"	(New Line Cinemo)	515.5 million
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7. "Street Fighter"	(Universal)	\$7 million
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7. "Nell"	(Twentieth Century-Fax)	\$6.7 million
10. "Spechless"	(Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer)	54,1 million





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Alcatel Trims Management In Germany

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
STUTTGART — Alcatel SEL AG, the struggling German unit of Alcatel Alsthom SA, announced Tuesday the departure of its top two executives and a streamlining of its man-

agement structure.
The company said that Gerhard Zeidler, 58, its chief executive, would go into retirement by mutual consent. Hans-Ulrich Schröder, 51, the deputy chief executive, will do the same.

Peter Landsberg, who has been head of the communications-networks division, will join the management board to serve as its "speaker," effectively becoming the new chief executive.

To eliminate a layer of management, the company said it would appoint the heads of other operating divisions to the management board. The company said the aim of

restructuring program, the goal Desgeorges had resigned. It did not say why. (Bloomberg, AP)

Competition in telecommunications equipment has presured Alcatel. In November. the German unitsaid it would close plants at Mannheim and Rochlitz, and cut a total of 5,300 jobs by the end of 1995.

Those job cuts would reduce the company's work force by nearly

a quarter, to around 16,000.

The company said at the time that the downsizing efforts would reduce costs by 400 million Deutsche marks (\$257 million) a year and allow it to return to profitability by 1996.

When he announced the restructuring program in November, Mr. Zeidler said Alcatel SEL was "losing about 1 million DM a day." The German unit accounts for about a fifth of Alcatel Alsthom's telecommunications sales.

On Monday, GEC Alsthom, the changes, which were ap- Alcatel's joint venture with proved by the supervisory board. General Electric Co. of Britain, was "efficient execution of the said its president, Jean-Pierre

British Telecom Cuts Rates For Trans-Atlantic Calls

LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC will cut long-distance telephone rates to the United States and Canada by about 20 percent in February, the company said Tuesday. A three-minute call between 6 P.M. and 8 P.M. will cost £1.14 (\$1.78), compared with the current rate of £1.44, while a

call of the same length during the day will cost £1.19, down from £1.53 now. The reductions are part of a £400 million package of price cuts agreed to last year between

the company and a government regulatory agency.

But British Telecom plans to offset the loss in revenue from long-distance calling by raising fixed charges to customers with

telephone lines by 4.6 percent.

Analysts said the moves would

probably hurt British Telecom's rival, Mercury Communications Ltd., more than BT itself.

"The impact on Mercury will be much more dramatic than on BT because BT is able to target price cuts where they feel most competition," said Martin Mabbutt, an analyst at James Capel & Co.

A Mercury spokesman said the company also planned to lower its trans-Atlantic rates. The company's annual revenue from trans-Atlantic calls is about £70 million, and Mr. Mabbutt estimated that a 20 percent rate cut would wipe about £14 million from that figure.
Mr. Mabbutt said British Tel-

ecom's trans-Atlantic call revenue amounted to about £200 million, and the rate cuts would lower that amount by about £40 (Bloomberg, AP)

A Soviet-Era Hangover Wismut Cleans Up After Former Self

By Brandon Mitchener

SCHLEMA, Germany - When silver miners first unearthed a certain hard, black rock beneath the Erzgebirge mountain range here centuries ago, they called it "Pechblende," or bad luck, because they did not know what to de with it.

The rock's radioactivity was not discovered until early this century, and was originally a source of prosperity as legions of school of the control of the c elderly flocked to this small town's famous radium baths, which it claimed were the strongest in the world and possessed the pow-

After World War II the rock - uranium became a mixed blessing as the Soviet Union, which occupied this part of Eastern Germany, declared the town off-limits and proceeded to

turn it into a dump site for what would become the third-largest uranium mine in the world. Today, Schlema is one of Europe's largest and most expensive environmental-cleanup sites and a monument to the lasting damage

done in the name of socialist self-sufficiency. While the Treuhand privatization agency has finished selling off or shutting down East German state-run enterprises, Wismut GmbH, the successor to the Soviet-era mining company that ran Schlema like a company

town, expects the clean-up to keep as many as 3,000 people employed beyond the year 2,000.

"The mining here was the most intense in the world," Manfred Hagen, Wismut's technical director, said in an interview. He said it would take 10 to 15 years and 13 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.4 billion) to "begin to repair" the damage.

From 1946 until 1990, when it was shut down, the old Wismut literally moved mountains in its search for uranium. The average concentration of uranium in the local rock was less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

Unlike most major mines, which operate in unpopulated areas, Wismut ran five mines with 56 working shafts in an area inhabited by 100,000 people. Its facilities still occupy 37 square kilometers (14.8 square miles) and its dumps fill 48 hills and 14 ponds spread over

"Wismut is an example of the uncontrolled exploitation of people, the landscape and the environment," said Kurt Biedenkopf, the premier of Saxony. His wife Ingrid chairs a committee to rebuild the town's famous spas.

The site of Wismut's greatest environmental impact, Schlema sits atop 50 million cubic meters of caves. Its sister village, Oberschlema, the original spa zone, disappeared when the ground suddenly sank 6 meters.

The first signs of cleanup in Schlema are admittedly cosmetic. Four forbidding mine shafts on a hill above the town's main road have been removed and replaced by walking paths. The valley's river, long since paved over, is scheduled to be restored. Konrad Barth, Schlema's mayor, is scraping together funds for a new spa house.

Hagen, a former state environment ministry official in Hesse, is yet to come.

Wismut has spent about 3 billion DM over the past four years just assessing the damage. The company has only just begun the slow, costly process of cleaning it up, Mr. Hagen said. Some 300 individual cleanup measures await regulatory approval, including damming and flooding tunnels, filtering waste ponds and removing radioactive rubble.

"We must clean until the danger is gone," he said, while admitting that "danger" is a

It is difficult to test for and eliminate radioactivity in an area considered naturally radio-

The positive side to the environmental damage is that new techniques and technology are being developed to clean it up.

active. Once, Mr. Hagen said, workers moved a massive dump heap only to expose a natural bed of granite that was more radioactive than

the heap they had moved.

But Winfried Meyer, a local representative of Germany's federal radiation authority, said radioactivity at some Wismut dump sites was as much as five times what is considered normal" under German law.

"If we were talking about a truckload of waste, there would be no problem, but the volumes here represent a considerable radioactive potential," he said, "What's most important is the proximity to the population." The positive side to the region's environ-

mental damage is that new techniques and technology are being developed to clean it up. Wismut has developed methods to diagnose damage, filter waste ponds and seal off problem areas. Several of them are considered

to be marketable. About 400 of Wismut's best engineers have set up an environmental consulting company in the nearby town of Chemnitz.

Schlema, meanwhile, has developed a way to create artificial topsoil out of organic

waste, sawdust and sewage.

"If you look around Eastern Germany you'll see a lot of things that are in urgent need of cleaning up," Mr. Hagen said of Wismut. "We hope the skills and know-how was account here are he out to use cleaning."

we acquire here can be put to use elsewhere."
Germany's Federal Environment Ministry estimates that the number of jobs directly or indirectly related to environmental protection will almost double by the year 2000, to 786,000 in Western Germany and 336,000 in Eastern Germany. That would mean one in every 40 jobs in the West and one in every 20 iobs in the East.

Italiano **Seeks Allies** In Bid for

MILAN — Credito Italiano SpA said it would announce Wednesday whether it could afford to raise its bid for Credito Romagnolo SpA in order to top

A Credito Italiano spokesman said the bank's management was "working on deter-mining whether we have the financing and the allies to back another offer."

Cassa di Risparmio delle Province Lombarde, known as Cariplo, and two partners have offered 21,500 lire (\$13) per share for 70 percent of Credito

to buy up to 65 percent of Credito Romagnolo for 20,000 lire a share, or a total of 2.8 trillion lire. The deal would create Italy's second-largest bank.

raise its bid by offering the same price per share as Cariplo. but for a larger portion of Romagnolo's capital.

largest insurance company and a minority shareholder in Credito Italiano, would be a likely

partner in a higher bid. Credito Romagnolo's share price surged to an all-time high of 19,340 lire Tuesday on rumors that Credito Italiano would raise its offer.

dito Italiano win. Cariplo, Italy's largest savings bank, is not publicly traded.

liano's chances of success hinge on how a little-used Italian takeover law is interpreted by the courts governing securities

The law, passed in 1992, says amount of the bid.

Cariplo's offer starts Jan. 11 and ends Feb. 3.

Romagnolo

an offer by a rival group of banks.

Romagnolo's shares, for a total of 3.29 trillion lire. Credito Italiano had offered

Analysts speculated Tuesday that Credito Italiano would

Analysts speculated that Al-lianz AG Holding, Europe's

Credito Italiano's shares rose 41 lire Tuesday, to 1,749 lire. Analysts said the rise reflected the markets' desire to see Cre-

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trading in Italy.

each competing bid must be 5 percent higher than the previous one, but it is not clear whether the law refers to the price per share or the total

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Belgium's annual deficit for 1994 fell to 313.1 billion Belgian francs (\$9.8 billion), or 5.3 percent of gross domestic product. down from 6.7 percent in 1993.

 France's car market grew by 14.6 percent in 1994, to 1.97 million units, as sales in the last month of the year rose 20.7 percent, to 174,842, from the year-earlier month.

Swiss Bank Corp. said it established a capital markets unit named SBC Capital Markets Inc. in New York.

• Rwanda's government began issuing new currency notes, hoping to render useless notes that were looted from its central bank when the previous government fled.

• Siecor Corp., controlled by Siemens AG of Germany and Corning Inc. of the United States, acquired a business making components for cables from the Canadian company Northern Telecom Ltd.

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West German Industry Slows

BONN - Industrial production in Western Germany fell a preliminary 0.1 percent in No-vember from October but was up 5.5 percent from a year earlier, the Economics Ministry said Monday.

Analysts had forecast a 0.5 percent increase for November, according to a survey conducted by MMS International.

The ministry revised earlier

1 percent in October, compared with the original estimate of a 1.6 percent rise. That left output in October up 4.7 percent from a year earlier.

The ministry said the November figure was likely to be revised upward by 0.6 percent-

Separately, the Ifo Institute for Economic Research said the West German economy could grow at an annual rate of 2.5 figures to show that output rose percent between now and 1999.

the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect the trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press **7**3 32 Q =

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TRADE: Hong Kong Shares Hit

tories in southern China sus pected of wholesale piracy. Beijing, meanwhile, is still bit-ter at the United States for leading opposition to its joining the new trade organization on con-

cessional terms and refuses to bend to Washington's demands. Traditionally, China refuses to meet specific demands in international negotiations but still manages to find common ground without appearing to make major concessions. But in this case, analysts said, Washington's list of detailed demands leaves China with little

"wiggle room" and might serve only to harden its stance. "China is already respond-ing," said one Hong Kong-based agent who sells American-made movies and television programs to Chinese distributors.

"Negotiations between Chinese buyers and American agents have been halted by orders from Beijing, and my Chinese contacts are calling me in a panic to find them European shows to replace the American programs," said the agent, who represents a major U.S. media concern.

Beijing's apparent refusal to rooted in two developments in controlling state-owned enter- accommodation.

prises and provincial business

ful political figures or families. In Washington, however, Beijing can no longer expect the kind of political and business support that has enabled it maintain its most-favored-nation trade status despite repeated congressional attempts to re-

peal it in recent years.

Although the new Republican-led Congress is unlikely to support moves to strip concessions from China over humanrights concerns alone, analysts said, an unwillingness to open its markets to U.S. imports or to enforce intellectual property rights would be a serious offense in Republican eyes.

Two other facts also make it unlikely that President Bill Clinton will feel a need to ease up on China in the next few months: Beijing's trade surplus with the United States is likely to hit \$30 billion for 1994; and his resistance to China's unsuccessful bid to join the WTO as a founding member this year was one of the few of Mr. Clinton's policies that won any applause from his Republican critics.

"If the U.S. imposes punitive accept Washington's demands is tariffs and China responds, there will be no winners at all, China, analysts said: the struggle even among those companies to succeed the ailing senior leader Deng Xiaoping, which makes other top officials unwilling to go on record as favoring concessions to foreigners in such consistency. go on record as favoring conces-sions to foreigners in such con-said he believed the damage the troversial negotiations; and Beij- dispute could do would force ing's increasing difficulty in both sides to reach an eventual

CHANGE: Watching Washington

Continued from Page 9 last year. There is also the long-simmering debate over whether insurers should be subject to

federal, rather than state, super-Insurers, even more than most other businesses, also stand to gain from the far-

for damages since they are fre-quently the "deep pocket" of last resort in product-liability cases and other similar lawsuits. • The petrochemical industry and many heavy manufac-turers, while sharing the insurance industry's interest in the fate of the Superfund, also will be looking for a more sympathetic handling of various pollution control laws that in in-

burden on manufacturers. Agribusiness fears the budget ax, which could finally chop away at a lot of Depression-era farm programs. Still, the industry has well-placed allies among the newly powerful Republi-cans, from Thomas J. Billey Jr., a Virginia tobacco-belt loyalist

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who will head the House Com-Faircloth, a senator from North Carolina who is a wealthy hog farmer friendly to the pork industry.

 Consumer-products companies are generally optimistic about the change in leadership, especially cigarette manufacreaching changes proposed to turers, which endured last increase the difficultly of suing year's congressional hearings year's congressional hearings on the health risks of tobacco.

The new commitment to reducing the burden of regulation also may help consumer products companies resolve troublesome conflicts between the labeling and advertising rules of the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Admin-

istration, executives said.
Broadly speaking, many business leaders are hoping that agencies like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be reined in by the new Congress. They may be too op-timistic about that, but, at the very least, it will probably be much harder for agencies in the executive branch to impose new rules on business without a big

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Golden Handshakes • For Fired Workers At China State Firms

BEIJING — China, blaming serious social unrest. a surge in the number of labor a surge in the number of labor disputes last year on staff cuts the rest of the labor law that awarding as much as a year's pay to public employees who lose jobs, the official China Daily reported Tuesday.

The program, which took effect with the new year, will help speed China's effort to reform its state sector, said Ray Farris, senior economist at Crosby Securities, by easing the fear of social instability that has held back its efforts so far.

Firings and disciplinary action were the main reason that labor disputes last year rose to 20,000 from 12,000 in 1993, the China Daily said, quoting a report from the Ministry of Labor. Other reasons included low wages and inadequate social insurance, it said.

The government estimates that one-fifth of the workers in its state sector are unneeded. But it wants to restrain factories from trimming jobs too quickly

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at bloated state companies, is took effect this year provide "a vital instrument to protect the rights and interests of both employees and employers," a Labor Ministry official, Fan Zhanliang, was quoted as saying.

The regulations entitle dismissed workers who had held their jobs for a year to receive a month's salary, with compensation rising according to length of service to a maximum of a year's pay, the paper said.

The law provides fines for companies that fail to comply. but squeezing compensation out of some of them will not be easy, analysts said.

"Even now, most disputes happen because companies tell their workers, 'We don't have money to pay you; how can we pay you?" said Trini Leung, research consultant at the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions. She said the 20,000 labor disputes in the report were because it fears that tens of mil- the tip of the iceberg.

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Go Forth and Diversify Monopoly No Longer the Game in China

BEIJING -- Ceroils Plaza, a massive office and shopping complex scheduled for completion later this year, has all the requirements for a good real estate investment; location. location and location.

Sitting squarely in the main street of Beijing — a city starved for office space — the building is a five-minute drive from the capital's main city-center attraction. Tiananmen Square, and it is close to the residential area favored by foreigners, its intended clientèle.

So far, the response from potential tenants has been encouraging, "We only started to advertise in the last few weeks, and response has been excellent," said Brian Siu, general manager of C.Y. Leung, sole leasing agent for

Ceroils Plaza may represent the new face of state industry in China, where the government has been encouraging monopolies such as Ceroils to diversify into nonmonopoly

Ceroils, which stands for China National Cereals Oil & Foodstuffs Import & Export Corp., was set up in the 1950s by the communist government as a monopoly for the import and export of grain. The company owns a majority share in Ceroils Plaza along with its Hong Kong subsidiary. Top Glory Group, while the Kerry Group, also of Hong Kong. holds a minority stake.

Ceroils also holds interests in palm oil plantations in Malaysia and Indonesia; hotels and edible oil processing plants in China, and real estate in the United States.

"The aim is diversification, moving overseas and setting up a group," said Pang Xiuzhu, deputy general manager of Ceroils Plaza.

One foreign trader said diversification is important to Ceroils and other state monopo-

lies because of the risk that China will begin breaking up the state monopolies this year in

China is expected to break up state monopolies in an effort to open its internal markets.

an effort to open up its internal market.

Market liberalization was an obstacle to

China's joining the World Trade Organiza-tion, the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, at the end of last year.

The trader said Ceroils, which has profited hugely from its grain monopoly over the last four decades, continues to control trade in corn, rice and wheat, even though its grip is not as tight as it once was.

"Even when another Chinese entity does the negotiation and agrees on the price and terms," he said, "Ceroils often has to do the paperwork and collect its commission."

Ceroils Plaza comes on the market at a time when office and commercial space are at a premimum in Beijing. The occupancy rate for premium office space is 99 percent, and rents have risen by 50 percent since 1994.

Office space is so scarce that some companies use hotel rooms as offices, and some hotels have converted their coffee shops into makeshift office space,

industry analysts expect Beijing's commercial floor-space shortage to continue until 1997, when a flood of new space is expected to come on the market and drive prices down.

Mr. Siu said he expected Ceroils Plaza to be fully leased by the time it is completed, at current prices of \$60 to \$90 per square meter (\$646 to \$969 per square foot) for offices, and \$50 to \$170 per square meter for retail space.

Slow Start For Jardine At New Site

SINGAPORE - Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. made a quiet debut on the Singapore stock exchange Tuesday after a historic departure from the Hong Kong market last week.

The stock, which now trades in U.S. dollars, closed at \$7.00 on trading of 120,800 shares, compared with a close of 55.25 Hong Kong dollars (\$7.14) on 812,200 shares Friday.

The trading company's in-vestment holdings unit, Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd., closed at \$3.34 on volume of 389,500 shares, up slightly from its Hong Kong close of 25.40 (\$3.28) on 334,800 shares.

Jardine's decision to move the trading base for its shares to Singapore before Hong Kong reverts to Chinese control in 1997 was a boost to Singapore's goal of becoming a regional financial center. Many in Singapore's fi-nancial community, however, wonder whether there will be enough interest in, or awareness of, Jardine shares to create a real market for the stock.

"I think it's unlikely we will see significant turnover in Jardine," said Richard Armstrong, managing director of Barclays de Zoete Wedd in Singapore.

The light trading in Jardine Matheson had been expected because "the people who wanted to sell our shares would have sold before they moved them down to Singapore," Neil McNamara, company secretary, said.

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 Acer Inc. of Taiwan said it planned a joint venture with Wipro Infotech Ltd. of India to sell computers and develop software. Britain called on Malaysia to relax banking and insurance rules

so more British companies could enter its market, but Malaysia said foreign companies already had a large presence.

• South Korea's trade deficit widened to \$6.06 billion in 1994 from \$1.56 billion on surging capital-goods and consumer imports. • Daewoo Corp. said it began work on a vehicle-assembly plant

near Hanoi, part of a planned \$1 billion of investment in Vietnam. Vietnam Television has begun satellite broadcasts across Asia, and its international radio station has expanded its coverage to North America via a transmitter in Russia.

• China-Taiwan indirect trade totaled an estimated \$15 billion last year, the China Daily said.

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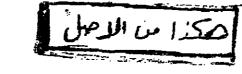
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Penn State Gathers Roses But Not the National Title

By Tom Friend New York Times Service
PASADENA, California — Penn State won its primary, but not the campaign.

The Oregon Ducks were the Nittany Lions' equal for nearly three quarters in the Rose Bowl and by the time Penn State passed them in the express lane, the damage was done, even though the final score Monday

If not for Oregon's erratic place-kicking and kick coverage, the Nittany Lions might even have finished at 11-1. Instead, both Penn State and Nebraska finished undefeated. and the voters in The Associated Press poll gave the Corn-buskers the national college ed in enemy hands, and linefootball title by a wide margin. backer Reggie Jordan returned

Oregon was a gnat constantly it 39 yards to the Penn State 17. in the face of Penn State. Its Two plays later, O'Neil's lob to quarterback, Danny O'Neil, set Cristin McLemore, who out-Rose Bowl records for yards, leaped free safety Chuck Penstarter from Penn State, Kerry

The difference was a running back named Ki-Jana Carter, plus two of the less-heralded Nittany Lions, three missed

quarterback that Penn State's coach, Joe Paterno, ever had, nearly gift-wrapped the game to Oregon. With his team ahead

completions and passes as he zenik, made the score 14 all humbled the more acclaimed with 5:35 left in the third quarwith 5:35 left in the third quar-No one had heard much of Ambrose Fletcher, either, but he fielded the ensuing kickoff

and ran 72 yards to the Oregon Nittany Lions, three missed
field goals by Oregon and a
breakdown in the Ducks' special teams.

Collins, billed as the finest
State-back that Penn State's State ahead, 21-14. O'Neil, on his way to a re-

cord-setting 456-yard passing day on 41 of 60, then suddenly turned human. His lob over the middle was intercepted by Penzenik, a sixth string free safety. His 44-yard return set up Car-ter's third touchdown, a 3-yard run that made it 28-14 with 2:01 left in the third.

A late, fourth-quarter field goal and touchdown padded the Penn State lead, helping Paterno become the first college coach to win the Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange Bowls in his

The first play from scrim-mage was an 83-yard touchdown dash by Carter, and the cherry on top was this: He bowled over Oregon's best de-fender, cornerback Herman

Penn State may have gained 83 yards on that play, but it took the Lions 23 plays to gain their next 83 yards. They fumbled twice - on one the referees blew the ball dead and on chased an eccentric Oregon tight end in vain.

Immediately after Carter's tattooed tight end, Josh Wilcox, straight downfield. Wilcox, who had "Rose Bowl '95" branded on his left arm in dark ink, caught passes of 18 and 33 gether," he said. yards, and soon had his team on Penn State's one-inch line.

first-and-goal, and the game championship eluded him for

seven receptions - not bad for the Orange Bowl and lost, to someone who was playing with Miami in 1984 and Florida a minor concussion.

National Title Is Harvested By Nebraska

wasn't even close.

Nebraska's Cornhuskers ran away with the national championship Tuesday, easily out-pointing No. 2 Penn State in The Associated Press poll.

Although both teams were undefeated, voters clearly preferred Nebraska after the Corn-huskers defeated Miami, 24-17, in the Orange Bowl, and Penn State downed Oregon, 38-20, in the Rose Bowl.

The Comhuskers (13-0) received 51½ first-place votes and 1,539½ points, while Penn State (12-0) got 10½ firsts and 1,497½ DOINES.

It is the first national title for

Nebraska's coach, Tom Os-borne, and the first championship for the Cornhuskers since they won consecutive crowns under Bob Devaney in 1970-71. Nebraska also finished first in the CNN-USA Today coaches' poll, topping Penn State, 54-

in first-place votes.

Penn State's Joe Paterno now has the dubious distinction of coaching four undefeated teams that didn't win the national championship. It also hap-pened in 1968, 1969 and 1973. Both coaches have said they prefer a playoff over the polls. But after the Rose Bowl, Pa-

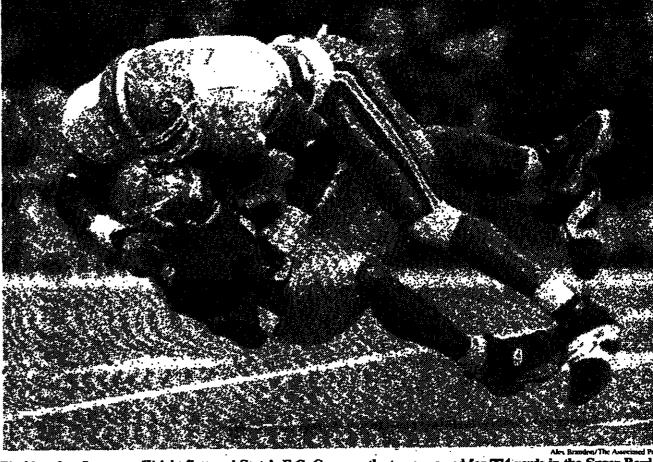
terno said his team deserved a

share of the title. "I don't want to take anything from Tom Osborne, who's a good friend of mine," Paterno said. "The way they played last night, I certainly don't think that I would say, 'Hey, they're one they did not — and they national champions and we're not.' Because we deserve it as much as they do."

Osborne said it was a shame score, the Ducks followed their that Nebraska didn't get to play Penn State.

"People in college football ought to be smart enough to get the No. 1 and No. 2 teams to-

Although Osborne has the best winning percentage of any O'Neil tossed him the ball on active coach, the national his first 21 seasons. He twice By half's end, Wilcox had brought undefeated teams to



Florida safety Lawrence Wright flattened State's E.G. Green as the teams passed for 774 yards in the Sugar Bowl.

Seminoles Top Gators in Record Effort

Florida State won an NCAArecord 10th consecutive bowl game with a 23-to-17 victory over Florida at the Sugar Bowl

in New Orleans. The seventh-ranked Seminoles (10-1-1) beat their fifthranked archrivals with a ballcontrol offense and stingy defense that held the high-scoring Gators (10-2-1) to a season-

low point total. Danny Kanell was 23-for-40 for Florida State as the teams passed for 774 yards. Warrick Dunn accounted for 182 yards, rushing for 58, catching nine passes for 51 and throwing a 73yard scoring pass to 'OMar Elli-

No. 4 Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24: At the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona, Bill McCartney's final game as Colorado coach ended the way his nation-

al title season of 1990 did — 100 yards rushing and receiving yards and left after the first sewith a victory over the Irish in a bowl game, gaining 166 ries of the second half — 3 Kordell Stewart and Heisman Trophy-winner Rashaan Salaam accounted for four touchdowns. McCartney leaves

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as the winningest coach in Colorado history (93-55-5). Assistant Rick Neuheisel succeeds him.

Stewart had two touchdowns and Salaam had two 1-yard scores as the Buffaloes (11-1) Tech (6-6), making the Red scored on five of their first six Raiders the seventh straight possessions for a 31-3 lead late SWC team to lose the Cotton in the first half.

Ohio State 17: At the Citrus the bowl coalition. Bowl in Orlando, Florida, Sherman Williams turned a short touchdown passes and Keypass into a 50-yard touchdown shawn Johnson caught three, onds left. He became the first Brad Otton. Rob Johnson com-Alabama player to get more than pleted 16 of 21 passes for 289

yards on 27 carries and catching eight passes for 155 yards. Ohio State finished 9-4 as

coach John Cooper's bowl mark with the Buckeyes fell to 1-5. No. 21 Southern Cal 55, Tex-

as Tech 14: In Dallas, the Trojans (8-3-1) scored their first three touchdowns in a 76-second span of the first quarter of their first Cotton Bowl, USC rolled up a 48-0 lead over Texas

Bowl. Starting next year, the No. 6 Alabama 24, No. 13 matchups will be determined by

Rob Johnson threw three for Alabama (12-1) with 42 secone an 86-yarder from backup

record. Keyshawn Johnson caught eight passes for a Cotton Bowl-record 222 yards. It was the second-largest victory margin

ries of the second half - 3 of

yards short of the Cotton Bowl

in the Cotton Bowl behind Miami's 46-3 win over Texas in 1991. Wisconsin 34, No. 25 Duke-20: In Tampa, Florida, Terrell Fletcher set Hall of Fame Bowl records with 39 carries for 241

yards and scored on runs of 1 and 49 yards. The Badgers (7-4-1), after blowing a 13-0 first-half lead. took control with three secondhalf touchdowns to hand the No. 25 Blue Devils (8-4) their

games after a school-record 7-0 Duke's Spence Fischer was 28 of 46 for 314 yards with four interceptions.

fourth loss in the final five

South Carolina 24, West Virinia 21: At the Carquest Bowl in Miami, Steve Taneyhill passed for one touchdown and ran for another as South Carolina (7-5) won its first bowl game

had a 4-yard touchdown run.

touchdown run from Robert Walker, lost its fifth straight

Heisman Winner Picks NFL

Rashaan Salaam scored twice as Colorado won.

TEMPE, Arizona - Rashaan Salaam, Colorado's Heisman Trophy-winning junior tailback, announced after the 41-24 victory over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl that he will forego his senior season to turn pro.

Salaam, who tried to defuse speculation about his future by announcing he would make an anno not before, broke the news moments after the game. He said Bill McCartney's resignation a coach was a factor,

as well as the likely departure of at least three assistant coaches, and that he reached the decision to leave school after consulting with his mother.

"There are a lot of things going on at CU," Salaam said. "A lot of coaches are bouncing around, and there's not a lot of stability going on. That was the basis why I decided to come to CU, and I signed a 4-year deal. But, like Kordell"—Stewart, a senior quarterback—"was saying, "I'm leaving with coach Mac."

Bears Surprise Not Only Vikings, but Cowboys, by Winning

By Timothy W. Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- The Dallas Cowboys' coaches saw 60 percent of their has a sore hamstring. work from last week go up in smoke after Chicago beat Minnesota.

In the mind of the Green Bay safety in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

LeRoy Butler, the Packers, winners of Capers and the Panthers aren

Because the Cowboys were less familiar with the Vikings than with Green Bay, and because they expected Minnesota to beat the Bears, the coaches spent more than half their time preparing for the Vikings. They spent the least amount of time on the Packers, whom they beat, 42-31 on Thanksgiving Day.

The two teams have changed quite a bit from that game five weeks ago. The Super Bowl. It's always the hottest Packers are without receiver Sterling and I figure we're hot right now." Sharpe, who caught four touchdown

rushed for two touchdowns and 133 yards against the Packers in that game.

their last four games, are hotter than the

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Cowboys, who lost two of their last three. Butler thinks the Packers are hot

enough to roll right into the Super Bowl. "Nobody gives us a chance," he said. "But the best team never wins, not in the Super Bowl. It's always the hottest team,

Dom Capers, the Pittsburgh Steel-

ers' defensive coordinator, has already agreed to accept the coaching job with the Carolina Panthers once Pittsburgh's draft picks. passes in that game. Emmitt Smith, who ers' defensive coordinator, has already season is finished, according to a report

Capers and the Panthers aren't confirming or denying that report. But if it's true, the Steelers and the Panthers could be in hot water with the NFL for possible violations of the league's policies

regarding tampering.
Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will meet with Richardson in New York City this week to review reports that said Capers met with representatives from Jerry Richardson, violated the league's shut out.

The NFL strengthened its policies in nine attempts.

against tampering last year after Norv Taneyhill completed 26 of 36 Turner, then Dallas' offensive coordina-tor, interviewed with the Washington passes for 227 yards, with a 2-yard touchdown pass to tight Redskins and accepted a job while the end Boomer Foster. He also Cowboys were still in the playoffs. Some NFL teams that have coaching and Stanley Pritchett added a 1-

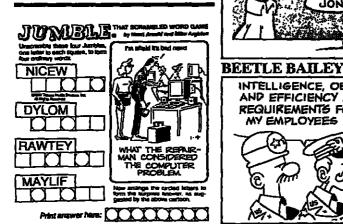
vacancies and some NFL assistant yard score with 2:40 left in the coaches who are coaching candidates third quarter for the Gameand whose teams are still in the playoffs cocks' final points. have privately grumbled about how the Panthers have skirted the antitampering got 132 yards and a 24-yard the Panthers in Pittsburgh last week. If Tagliabue believes the Carolina owner. have followed the rules and are getting

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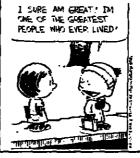








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German Boxer Schulz Lands Foreman Bout

The Associated Press DUSSELDORF - Axel Schulz of Germany will fight

George Foreman for the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on April 22, promoter Jean-Marcel Nartz has announced.

"The contract signing will take place in New York on Jan. 17." Nartz, a deputy of the Swiss businessman-promoter Wilfried Sauerland, said Monday night.

Schulz, who, Nartz said, would earn \$500,000 for the fight, would join Max Schmel-ing and Karl Mildenberger as the only Germans to fight for

Foreman, who turns 46 on Jan. 10, is expected to earn as much as \$15 million for a title

Sauerland said in an interview in Tuesday's Bild Zeitung that he contacted the U.S. promoter Bob Arum offering a bout with Schulz soon after Foreman won the titles with a 10th-round knockout of Michael Moorer on Nov. 5.

"It is a wonderful chance for me to go in the footsteps of a Max Schmeling or a Karl Mil-denberger," Schulz said from his camp in Frankfurt an der

Schulz, 26, improved to 21-1-1 with a 10-round decision over former WBA champion James (Bonecrusher) Smith on Sept.

Foreman and Louisiana's governor, Edwin Edwards, announced tentative plans Dec. 9 for a fight at the Superdome. At that time, Arum named Schulz, Brian Nielsen, Lou Savarese, Alex Garcia and Joe Hipp as possible contenders.

Williams Opts for Coulthard, Putting Mansell's Future in Doubt

DIDCOT, England - The Williams Formula One team named David Coulthard as its No. 2 driver Tuesday, placing in doubt the racing future of former world champion Nigel Mansell.

Williams's decision favored youth over experience Coulthard, 23, is seen as one of the sport's brightest prospects, while Mansell, who has won both the Formula One and Indy-car racing titles, is 41 years old.

"I am very happy we have now finalized our agreement with Da-vid," said the team director, Frank Williams. "He has proved his worth as a Grand Prix driver and I have no

doubts he has a successful future was forced to give up his seat when the fee that Mansell would expect, ahead of him."

Damon Hill, runner-up to Michael Schumacher for last season's Formula One title, has already signed as Williams's No. I driver for

Coulthard, promoted to the Williams' second spot last season after the death of Ayrton Senna at the San Marino Grand Prix, finished eighth in the drivers' championship standings with 16 points despite compet-ing in only half the races. His best finish was a second, behind Hill, at the Portuguese Grand Prix.

Despite his successes, Coulthard

circuit for the French Grand Prix and again for the final three races of

Unsure of his future. Coulthard then signed a deal to drive for McLaren in 1995. Williams. claiming it still had Coulthard under contract, contested the signing and took the matter to the sport's Contract Recognition Board. The board ruled in Williams's favor on Dec. 14.

"I am delighted to have reached a fair agreement to race for Williams Renault," Coulthard said. "I look forward to the hard work of the winter testing program and the challenge of my first full Formula One

Mansell won the world championship with Williams in 1992, but his relationship with the team deteriorated and he made the jump across the Atlantic the following year. He According to reports in British won the Indy-car PPG champion-newspapers, Coulthard signed a ship with the Newman-Haas team. one-year contract with Williams and, for a few weeks, became the shortly before Christmas for first driver to hold both major titles £500,000 (\$775,000), a fraction of at the same time.

In 1994, however, Mansell was unable to win an Indy-car race, and he took up Williams's multi-million pound offer for a limited return to Formula One. Though he struggled initially. Mansell won the final race of the season, the Australian Grand

Williams's decision leaves Mansell with an uncertain future. He has said he is not ready to retire and has also ruled out a return to Indy-cars. The Formula One teams of Ferrari. for whom Mansell drove for two years, and Benetton have both said they have no place for him.

That would leave McLaren, with

tions, as the only major team with an opening. With Coulthard ruled out, McLaren has yet to announce a partner for Finnish driver Mika

But the head of McLaren, Ron Dennis, has often commented that he found Mansell difficult to under-

"I am pleased that the Williams team has made a decision regarding its driver lineup for 1995 and delighted for David that he has been given this fantastic opportunity," Mansell said in a statement released through his press agent. "With regard to my future, it is too early to whom Mansell has no past connec- comment further at this time.

ARISING --- Petr Korda, disputing a line call, beat Australia's Pat Cash, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), on Tuesday to put the Czech Republic into the Hopman Cup semifinals in Perth. Andrei Medvedev and his sister, Natalia, upset the United States, 2-1.

NHL Talks Back in Payroll Tax Rut

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches players would not be eligible for and others already accepted by CHICAGO — Negotiations free agency until age 32, and the the NHLPA — did not have the with league representatives saying they will drop their insisplayers accept more restrictions earlier talks.

Sources familiar with the discussions held Sunday and Monday offered little hope of a resolution in time for the season to start Jan. 16, the date specified by Commissioner Gary Bettman as the latest start for a 50game schedule. A deal would have to be made by the end of this week to allow for a brief training camp.
Further talks were scheduled

Tuesday between NHL senior vice presidents Brian Burke and Jeff Pash and union attorneys John McCambridge and Bob Riley, after they had met late into Monday night. However, no negotiations involving Bettman and Bob Goodenow, the NHLPA's executive director, have been arranged.

According to the suggestion offered by Burke and Pash,

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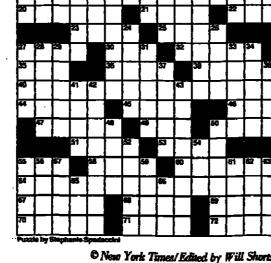
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T. AUGUSTIN, Germany One way to conceive of the Société Imaginaire is as a dream state, a kind of international, intellectual Oz, with a movable Emerald City and a wizard born in Hungary, sea-soned in Argentina and residing in upstate New York.

Then again, there are many ways to envision an organization that, as its name suggests, is mainly of the mind, with no institutional structure, permanent headquarters or rules of order.

Despite its ethereal nature, the society, founded in 1984 by a painter calling himself Batuz, has become a flourishing cultural phenomenon on three continents. Its activities - like the Correspondence Project, which brings together writers from different countries and then compiles, catalogues and archives the correspondence that later develops between them - are attracting media attention and support from governments, universities and individuals around the world.

The group's 500 members are a Who's Who of writers, artists, scholars and politicians from Europe, South America and the United States. They include the American poet Mark Strand; Julio Maria Sanguinetti. the newly elected president of Uruguay; Mexico's Nobel Prizewinning writer, Octavio Paz; and Stanislaw Baranczack. a leading Polish poet and a professor of literature at Harvard University.

Binding the unabashedly elitist membership is the shared belief that in an era of global pop culture and mass media driven by near-instant transmission of information, genuine communication between individuals is dwindling.

Its founder, Batuz, a 61-yearold Hungarian-born painter whose name was originally

By Ferdinand Protzman N. M. D. Mahr-Batuz, set out to create an international community of the spirit, where national cultural barriers would be broken down by face-to-face meetings, correspondence and conversation.

The idea was born from Batuz's personal experience and study of history. "Writers like Flaubert and Turgeney read each other's works, but also corresponded and visited each other," he said. "On a cultural and intellectual level, the world was a smaller community then than it is today. Now hardly any American writers know their counterparts in Latin America or Eastern Europe or vice versa.

It is a shame, really." Batuz, whose works can be found in museums around the world, fled Hungary with his family in 1944 as the battle lines of World War II approached, settling in Argentina five years later. He moved to Walton, New York, in 1973 and lives there when not traveling on business involving the society.

For the last decade, he has roamed the world promoting his group. Much of his time is spent in Germany, where a foundation was established in

1986 to support the society. Although the society has an office in Nossen, Germany. near Dresden, its meetings, lasting from a few days to a week. have been held in a variety of places including Washington, Budmerice in Slovakia, Berlin

and Buenos Aires. Defining the society remains a murky business to some members. They seem to prefer it that way. "It is whatever we make it. whatever we put into it," said Strand, a former poet laureate of the United States. He was attending a lunch in this small town near Bonn for the recent opening of an exhibition about the society at the Konrad AdeApartheid Is History, but Evita Is Holding Her Own

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By Paul Taylor Washington Post Service

B LOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — When Nelson Mandela appears on television here this week as the subject of a profile, his fawning interviewer will be a South African institution.

For the uninitiated, a couple of things about Evita bear explaining. First, she isn't really fawning. And second, she isn't really a she. Evita is the creation of South Africa's leading political satirist, Pieter-Dirk Uys. He start-

ed in theater as a playwright, but in the bad old days, his anti-apartheid dramas kept getting banned by the Censor Board. So he dressed in drag, called

himself Evita, pretended to be the wife of a government min-ister and told tales out of school about the inanities of apartheid. It was a dicey time. White

South Africa was the world's pariah; its back was up. Uys's phone was tapped ("I used to try out my jokes on the security police"), and his audiences could be hostile ("Some places I played, I'd keep my car outside with the engine running"). But the cross-dressing seemed to have thrown the censors off. Evita was never banned. "She got away with saying things you could never put in a newspaper," Uys recalled.

Now apartheid is history - but to Uys's surprise, Evita isn't. The character has survived the transition to democracy, only to be delivered to a more complex artistic fate. The good guys won. Now they're Evita's new targets.

Like a lot of South African artists who grew up in protest theater. Uys has found the happy ending a bit disorienting. "My president at the moment is a man I love," he lamented as he prepared for a recent command performance here for a party conference of Mandela's African National Congress. "That's bad news for a satirist. I'm not supposed to like him."

Uys's solution has been ingenious. His has declared a yearlong honeymoon period - during which Evita has gone on television and become what Uys calls "the Barbara Walters of the new South Africa."

She's in the middle of a television series of a dozen warm and fuzzy interviews with leaders of the new government. She's gone trout fishing with Cyril Ramaphosa, head of the Constitutional Assembly. She's ballroom-danced with Jay Naidoo, head of the reconstruction and development program. She has swum laps with Joe Slovo, the lifelong Communist who is now

Unseasonably mid weather

minister of housing. And on Friday, she'll gaze softly into the eyes of Mandela - the man for whom she once petitioned (unsuccessfully) to perform in prison.

By design, there's no bite in these shows. Uys treats them as a public service, a voyage of discovery, a way of introducing South Africans to leaders who spent most of their lives in jail or exile. When will these stalwarts of the struggle become fair game? Sooner, apparently, than Uys planned. In spite of her self-imposed mor-atorium, Evita has already begun poking fun at the new government.

"I wasn't sure I was in the right place" went her opening line to the delegates at the ANC conference, "but when I saw all the Mercedeses parked outside, I knew I'd found it." The reaction from the ANC

audience was a bit tentative. Many in the audience looked left, looked right and checked the pulse of their comrades before risking a smile at one of Uys's skits.
"As far as I'm concerned, this is their audition as well as mine," Uys said. "They have the

power to laugh at me or to lock me up."

In his show, Uys arrives as Evita, resplendent in a South African flag, than transforms himself before his audience's bedazzled eyes into two dozen other characters. A gifted mimic and clever writer, he spans the globe from Clinton to Major to Yeltsin to Queen Elizabeth. But the heart of the revue is the South African satire. Along with the apartheid figures, he now spoofs Mandela, his estranged wife, Winnie, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among others.

At the ANC show, Uys pulled a punch or two. His Winnie character did wear tire ear-

rings -a send-up of her infamous statement in 1986 that South Africa would liberate itself by placing gas-soaked tires around apartheid collaborators and burning them to death. But Uys didn't have Winnie utter the line he's used with other audiences: "Who says there isn't life after someone else's death?" It's a reference to the 1989 killing of a 14-year-old youth by Mrs. Mandela's bodyguards.

He makes gentle jokes about the 76-year-old Mandela's pills and his hearing aid. He does a hilarious takeoff on Tutu's high-pitched, singsongy sermons. "The first time Tutu saw me doing him, he came backstage and said I didn't have enough rings on," Uys said. "So he gave

me some costume jewelry."

"The passing of apartheid has given me a whole new alphabet." he said. "I'm no longer dealing with the culture of death. Now, it's the

Pieter-Dirk Uys as Evita Bezuidenhout.

experience of survival. The moral issues are markier now, but the great thing is — I can have an opinion. And I can change my opinion. And for the first time, my audiences don't come in with all the answers

Other artists have had different reactions to the passing of apartheid. South Africa's bestknown playwright, Athol Fugard, publicly fretted last year about becoming "a relic in the apartheid museum." His response to the political change has been to probe inward; he has written a tender memoir of his childhood. "Athol plays the most extraordinary chamber music," said Uys, who regards Fugard as

both an idol and mentor. "I have a loud drum." The son of an Afrikaner father and a German Jewish mother, Uys, 49, has been banging someone else before their very eyes. The that drum ever since he can remember. His tend to wait for a clever punch line."

parents were both concert pianists, and his father's family was related to Daniel F. Malan, the Afrikaner nationalist who became prime minister in 1948 and ushered in the political system of legislated racial oppression known as

apartheid. Young Uys rebelled, not just at the immorality of apartheid, but at the strict, sexual repres-Calvinism of Afrikaners, the descendants of Dutch settlers who make up about 60 per-

cent of the white population. When his plays started being banned in the 1970s, he saw an advertisement in a Cape Town newspaper seeking applications from upstanding citizens to sit on the Censor Board. Uys asked his father to apply. His family political connections were impeccable and "Dad loved to watch movies."

"My father and I weren't getting on at all. but when he got on the board, it put him on my side." Uys said. "He said these people were idiots. They weren't there to defend the morals of the nation. They were little tin-pot gods."

Uys also began lodging complaints to the board about his work: "That way, if they tried banning me, I could always reveal I was the one who'd complained in the first place." The threat of ridicule worked like a charm.

In recent years. Uys has begun touring abroad - to Germany (he only discovered after his mother's death that she was a Jew who fled from Hitler, and he does a bitter routine comparing apartheid to Nazism), Australia, Canada, England and the United States.

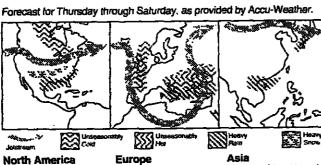
In his U.S. shows, he finds reflections of American skeletons in apartheid - for example, comparing black homelands to Indian reservations. He also wonders aloud why the allpowerful U.S. military never invaded South Africa to save the blacks. Then he remembers: "Oh, that's right, we have no oil."

But now that the great transformation has happened here. Uys is not eager to travel in the near future. He wants to stick around, listen and start to develop three-dimensional characters rather than just cartoons. He's hoping to put together a comedy troupe in Cape Town that would do topical weekly shows - perhaps televised.

He will also keep searching for a common culture. South Africa really doesn't have one. It's still Europe and Africa, occupying the same space but not the same habits, mores or funny bone. "My black audiences love the theater of what I do, the mask, the fact that I become someone else before their very eyes. The whites

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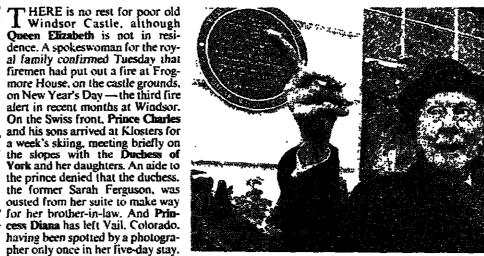


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Sir John Gielgud unveiled a plaque Tuesday at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in London to commemorate Oscar Wilde, whose "An Ideal Husband" was premiered at the theater 100 years ago, "He was a brilliant and witty man," the 90-year-old actor said of the Irish playwright. Wilde's



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homosexual affair with the Marquis of Queensberry's son, Lord Alfred Douglas. led to a jail sentence for gross indecency. and he died in 1900 in Paris, at 46. The present Marquis of Queensberry also at-

Bob Hawke, Australia's prime minister from 1983 to 1991, has revealed a love affair with Blanche d'Alpuget, a writer whose books include a warts-and-all biography of Hawke. The 65-year-old former Labor Party leader was pictured on the front page of Australian news-papers Tuesday strolling arm-in-arm with the 51-year-old author. providing confirmation of a long rumored relationship. Hawke re-cently announced his separation from Hazel, his wife of 38 years.

New Year's Eve performances of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" are often occasions for horseplay and cameo appearances. At New York's Metropolitan, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joined the actors Dom DeLuise and Paul Sorvino to belt out "O Sole

Mio." Giuliani, once a federal prosecutor. got a laugh in the third-act jailhouse scene by mentioning that he was in jail visiting 5,000 friends he had sent there. The cause of art was saved by Marilyn Horne, who sang Gershwin's "The Man I Love."

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